

Press Release

National Museum Wales major collection of Snowdonia works by John Piper opens on Anglesey

An outstanding group of views in Snowdonia by the artist John Piper, one of the most versatile British artists of the 20th century, will go on show at Oriel Ynys Môn, Llangefni, Anglesey this month. The exhibition, *The Mountains of Wales* which features inspiring landscapes of north Wales, will be on display from 13 February to 19 June 2016.

The collection of art works, which reflect artist John Piper's unique vision of Wales, was acquired on generous terms for Wales' national art collection in 2014. The series of works was purchased by Amgueddfa Cymru – National Museum Wales from a private individual with links to Wales, thanks to the generous support of the Heritage Lottery Fund (£472,900), the Derek Williams Trust (£350,000) and the Art Fund (£80,000). Much of the collection, including nine further works given to Amgueddfa Cymru as a gift.

The mountains of North Wales provided a key source of inspiration to Piper from the early 1940s to the mid-1950s, during which time he rented two cottages in the Snowdonia area. Using these as a base, he travelled round this landscape capturing the complex, semi-abstract forms and rich colours of the mountains. Over twenty major works on paper and oil paintings from this acquisition which focus on John Piper's work in Snowdonia will be part of the display.

Bryony Dawkes White, Partnership Projects Curator, Amgueddfa Cymru – National Museum Wales said:

“Piper's vision of the mountains of north Wales was unique and this is a wonderful opportunity for local people and visitors to Anglesey to enjoy and find out more about these magnificent views of Snowdonia.”

Ian Jones, Museums Officer, Oriel Ynys Môn said:

“This exciting exhibition offers Anglesey’s residents and visitors an opportunity to see a stunning collection of paintings by one of the leading British artists of the 20th century.

We are proud to work with the National Museum Wales on this significant project.”

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