

RSA AWARDS NEARLY £40,000 TO SCOTTISH GRADUATES

RSA NEW CONTEMPORARIES EXHIBITION + RSA JOHN KINROSS SCHOLARSHIPS 2010 SUPPORTING ARTISTS THROUGH RSA SCHOLARSHIPS, MONETARY PRIZES AND AWARDS IN KIND

The Royal Scottish Academy of Art & Architecture works to support and promote emerging artists in Scotland through exhibitions, prizes, scholarships and awards in kind from partner providers. Nearly £20,000 worth of awards, awards in kind and purchase prizes (around £12,500 in monetary prizes) has been awarded at this year's RSA New Contemporaries Exhibition and a further £20,000 has been awarded to ten lucky graduates through our annual RSA John Kinross Scholarships.

The RSA New Contemporaries Exhibition presents 60 of the finest artists and architects selected from the 2009 Art and Architecture Degree Shows and offers a unique opportunity to see the best of Scotland's emerging talent under one roof. The artists were chosen from the 2009 Scottish Degree shows by members of the Royal Scottish Academy (lead by Joyce Cairns RSA) and representatives from the five main colleges of art and six schools of architecture in Scotland. The artists are given the opportunity to launch their career at the prestigious RSA galleries by showcasing a selection of new work; including painting, sculpture, film making, photography, printmaking, architecture and installation. The exhibition runs until 21 April 2010.

The RSA John Kinross Scholarships were awarded to ten lucky graduates who on confirmation of receiving the awards, met at the RSA on Tuesday 6 April. The RSA annually award ten graduates £2,000 each to live and study in Florence for up to three months. Established in 1982 by JB Kinross CBE HRSA in memory of his father who was an architect member of the RSA, the scholarships were initiated to assist art and architecture graduates with a period of research and study in Florence.

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NOTES TO EDITORS:

RSA NEW CONTEMPORARIES AWARDS LIST ATTACHED TO EMAIL

RSA JOHN KINROSS SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS 2010 ATTACHED TO EMAIL

RSA NEW CONTEMPORARIES 2010

3 – 21 April 2010. All RSA Galleries

The Royal Scottish Academy, The Mound, Edinburgh, EH2 2EL

Open Monday to Saturday 10am – 5pm, Sunday 12noon – 5pm.

Admission £2/£1 concession

About the Royal Scottish Academy:

The Royal Scottish Academy has a proud tradition of promoting excellence in contemporary art in Scotland. Led by eminent artists and architects it supports the creation, understanding and enjoyment of the visual arts through exhibitions, artist opportunities and related educational talks and events. Re-establishing itself as a leading organisation for the visual arts in Scotland, it has successfully garnered a reputation for the strength of its engaging and diverse exhibitions and the fantastic opportunities it offers both established and emerging artists. For further information about the RSA visit www.royal.scottish.academy.org

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