RSA 201st Annual Exhibition

OPEN ART 2027

Awards and Opportunities

ABOUT AWARDS

We are pleased to offer over £20,000 in monetary awards, plus in-kind opportunities, to exhibitors in the RSA Annual Exhibition, both from our own funds and from a host of external award givers. We are extremely grateful to all of our external award givers for their support of the exhibition.

This document contains a list of confirmed awards for 2027. Some awards may still be added or amended. Please note the following information:

- Award winners are selected by the RSA Awards Committee (comprising Royal Scottish Academicians) or by representatives of the organisations giving the award (External Awards).
- Both Pre-selected and Selected Artists may be considered for awards.
- Results of award selection will be publicised after the opening of the exhibition.
- Artists will automatically be considered for any award that their work is deemed eligible for. In some instances we require artists to confirm additional eligibility details or to 'opt-in' to be considered for an award. This is done in the **'Additional Details/Questions'** section in the online application before you upload your artwork entries. It is important that these questions are answered accurately. Please note that answers to these eligibility questions will have no bearing on selection of work for the exhibition.
- Award details and criteria are not open to negotiation. Please note that many RSA Awards are from historic funds which have restrictions for their use.

EXTERNAL AWARDS

RSA Jack Vettriano Award £7,500

An award of £7,500, funded by the Estate of the late Jack Vettriano, intended for an artist whose talent has so far gone unrecognised. The artist should not have received any formal Art School training and should have had limited previous opportunities or representation.

Open applicants must confirm eligibility for this award during the open application process by answering NO to the question 'I have previously studied at an Art School'.

W. Gordon Smith and Jay Gordonsmith Award £4,000

For outstanding work in any category. Award can be split.

RSA Changing Ideas Award £3,000

Changing Ideas is a charity that funds initiatives addressing human rights and social injustice, and supports public interest campaigners, lawyers and journalists driving real world change.

This award celebrates work in the RSA Annual Exhibition exploring urgent themes of social change.

• As well as a monetary award of £3,000, the winner will have a description of their work displayed on the gallery wall to highlight the work's social impact.

• All pre-selected artworks that are eligible for this award will have their work highlighted in the gallery by a QR code linking to a dedicated an online viewing room on our website, including the text they have provided.

Lyon and Turnbull Award £1,000

For outstanding work in any category.

The Highland Society of London Award £500

For the best work by a Highlander, including Western Isles, Shetland and Orkney. Open applicants must confirm eligibility by answering by answering YES to the question 'I was born, brought up or currently reside in the Highlands and Islands of Scotland, including Western Isles, Shetland and Orkney.'

The Scottish Gallery | William Macaulay Award £250

For outstanding work in any category.

Scottish Arts Club Prize

Free membership to the Scottish Arts Club for two years and solo exhibition at their premises in Rutland Square, Edinburgh.

For outstanding work in primarily 2D media

Roy Wood Prize for Printmaking £300

For outstanding work in Printmaking.

An Talla Solais Award

Use of a studio at An Talla Solais (Ullapool Visual Arts) for up to 4 weeks at a time to be negotiated of convenience to both the artist and ATS, subject to official restrictions.

Please note this is studio use only and NOT accommodation. If taken up, the residency is to be supported with up to £250 expenses to assist the artist (this can be a contribution to accommodation, travel, materials or whatever else helps the residency to go ahead).

For outstanding work in any category.

Edinburgh Printmakers Residency Award

30 sessions (the equivalent of 1-month free studio use), 1 year membership, a printmaking course and £100 materials budget.

For outstanding work in any category.

Edinburgh College of Art Library Prize

1 year borrowing membership.

For an artist based in or near Edinburgh, preferably an early career artist.

RSA June Carey Scottish Etching Award

£1000 plus one year's membership and one year of unlimited sessions at Glasgow Print Studio, an exhibition and an opportunity to add on a course or training.

For outstanding work in Etching.

NHS Lothian Charity Tonic Arts

Purchase prize for work to join the Tonic Collection, NHS Lothian Hospitals.

For outstanding work in any category.

Paisley Art Institute 150th Award £500

For outstanding work in any category.

Mothadaka Foundation Purchase Prize

Purchase of work up to £250.

RSA AWARDS

RSA Guthrie Award £750 plus a medal
For an outstanding work by a Scottish artist under 35 (at time of submission deadline).

RSA Maud Gemmell Hutchison Bequest Two awards of £600 each
For the 2 best paintings or drawings of an animal(s) in memory of George Jackson Hutchison.

RSA Open Exhibition Prize £500
For an artist of any age working in any medium who has submitted to via Open application.

RSA Ottillie Helen Wallace Prize
£250
For a work by a female sculptor of any age.

RSA Latimer Awards Two awards of £250 each
For meritorious work by Scottish artists under 35 (at time of submission deadline).

RSA Benno Schotz Prize £250
For the most promising work by a Scottish artist under 35 (at time of submission deadline) domiciled in Scotland.

RSA Keith Prize £250
For the best work by a student of any age studying Fine Art at a Scottish Art School.

RSA Meyer Oppenheim Prize £250
For a work in any medium by an artist under 35 (at the time of registration).

RSA Arnott Hamilton Purchase Fund Purchase prize
For the purchase of pictures or drawings by an Academician in the Academy's Annual Exhibition.

RSA Architecture Prize £250
For the best work by an architect who has submitted to via Open application.

RSA Medal for Architecture Medal
For the best work by an architect under 35 (at the time of registration).