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GEOFF UGLOW: ALASTAIR SALVESEN TRAVEL SCHOLAR 2009

CODA: A Voyage Around Great Britain

Geoff Uglow, the 2009 winner of the prestigious Alastair Salvesen Travel Scholarship, presents a solo exhibition at the Royal Scottish Academy from 2 July to 1 August 2010. With the £10,000 award Geoff is journeying around the Scottish coastline following in the footsteps of the 19th Century painter William Daniell.

First awarded in 1989, the Alastair Salvesen scholarship represents a major initiative intended to encourage young painters who have already made the transition from college to a working environment. Previous winners include Eddie Summerton RSA, Delia Baillie RSA, Paul Furneaux RSA, and Eoghann MacColl.

Geoff Uglow graduated from Glasgow School of Art in 2000, and from 2002-2004 he held a residency at The British School at Rome as part of the Sainsbury Scholarship in Painting and Sculpture.

Geoff has been inspired by William Daniell's now famous journey *A Voyage Around Great Britain*; which celebrated the rural coastline of Britain in 1814. This eight volume collection of 308 aquatint engravings and accompanying textual commentary details the 'sublime and picturesque' coastline in the final decades of the eighteenth century preceding the age of photography.

200 years on Geoff is making a similar journey, visiting the sites where Daniell worked, making his own series of prints and paintings, and gradually accumulating a visual record of the coastline of Scotland. This expedition will form the basis for the exhibition which will celebrate Scotland's stunning, violent and diabolical beauty.

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2 July – 1 August 2010. RSA Finlay Room

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

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

Admission Free

PRESS VIEW + PHOTO CALL:

There will be a press view and photo call on **Thursday 1st July, 11am-12pm** or by arrangement.

The artist will be present.

Notes to editors

- 1) Funded by the Alastair Salvesen Trust and administered by the RSA, the Alastair Salvesen Scholarship is a major initiative intended to encourage young painters who have already made the transition from college to a working environment. The prize money is to fund a period of travel and research and is open to artists who have graduated from one of the main colleges of art in Scotland by at least three years.
- 2) 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.scottishacademy.org

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