

ArtSway Open 08

6 December 2008 - 8 February 2009

Reception for the Artists: Saturday 6 December 2008, 2pm - 5pm

Gallery Talk and Winner Announcement: Saturday 24 January 2009 at 2pm

ArtSway is pleased to announce the return of our highly-popular annual Open exhibition. Each year the ArtSway Open brings together local, national and international artists, displaying the highest quality contemporary visual art in a wide range of media, and covering a broad variety of themes. Applications are accepted from all artists of all levels, from all stages of their career.

The Open aims to reflect the range of activity artists use today. ArtSway places no restrictions on content or choice of media and artists are encouraged to enter examples that best reflects their current practice and artistic direction. Each year ArtSway receives over 300 entries for the Open, with more than 800 works submitted. The winner of the Open receives a prize of a solo exhibition at ArtSway, with full curatorial, mentoring and marketing support for their exhibition.

The winner of Open07 was London based artist Laura Green. Her exhibition, *Knowing and Not Knowing*, which combines painting, sculpture and installation, is currently on display at ArtSway until 16 November 2008.

Laura was one of four members on this year's selection panel, with ArtSway's Director Mark Segal and Curator Peter Bonnell and Camilla Brown, Senior Curator at The Photographers' Gallery, London.

The ArtSway Open 08 is sponsored by Lashmars Accountants of Lymington (www.lashmars.co.uk) with additional support from Arts & Business.

Selected artists:

Amanda Ansell, Benjamin Beker, Chris Coekin, Sarah Douglas, Jan Dunning, Tim Edgar, Christian Edwardes, Eleanor Engle, Susan Eyre, Damien Flood, Freya Gabie, Thomas Haywood, Kaori Homma, Jo Lathwood, Sharon Leahy-Clark, Alastair Levy, Martina Lindqvist, Tom Lovelace, Christian Mieves, Dave Morgan-Davies, Thomas Needham, Mahali O'Hare, Chris Poolman, Sarah Pucill, Andrew Putland, Ellie Rees, Sonia Stanyard, Esther Teichmann, David Theobald, Chris Tomic, Susan Truseler, Stephanie Wood.

Editor's Notes

ArtSway is a unique place in the UK's New Forest to see, discuss, make and engage with contemporary visual art. A purpose-built and architecturally important gallery space hosts a changing programme of exhibitions and wide ranging creative opportunities for all.

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Exhibition Associated Events:

Open Studios

Saturday 6 December 2008, 2pm - 5pm

To coincide with the opening of the ArtSway Open 08, come and visit ArtSway's studio artists and talk to them about their work, and perhaps find a one-of-a-kind gift in time for Christmas.

FREE, All Welcome.

Portfolio Day

Friday 16 January 2009, 10am - 4pm

Ten half-hour slots for artists from all backgrounds for critiques, portfolio reviews and career advice from ArtSway Director Mark Segal and Curator Peter Bonnell.

COST: £5 per person. Booking Essential.

Tax and Accountancy Advice Day for Artists

Saturday 17 January 2009, 10am - 4pm

Artists are offered the opportunity of free tax and accountancy advice from Peter Lashmar, owner of Lashmars Accountants of Lymington and sponsor of the ArtSway Open 08. The day will comprise of ten half-hour slots between 10am and 4pm.

FREE, Booking Essential.

Gallery Talk and Winner Announcement

Saturday 24 January 2009 at 2pm

Join ArtSway Director Mark Segal and Curator Peter Bonnell for a tour of the exhibition and the all important winner announcement.

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For press images, interviews, and further information, or to book a place on any of the above events, please contact Jack Lewis on 01590 682260 x16 or email: jack.lewis@artsway.org.uk

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