

ArtSway Open07

8 December 2007 - 9 February 2008

Reception for the Artists: 8 December 2007, 2pm

(Gallery is closed from 20 December 2007 - 6 January 2008)

ArtSway is once again pleased to announce the return of the highly-popular annual ArtSway Open. The Open07 exhibition is a nationally and internationally recognized event and is open to applications from all artists, regardless as to the current stage of their career.

The Open exhibition aims to express and reflect current practices and ideas in the art world today. By discarding a set brief, ArtSway places no restrictions on content or media choice in submitted work and artists are encouraged to submit work for selection that best reflects their current artistic practice. Each year ArtSway receives over 300 entries from artists for the Open, with up to 600 works being put before the selection panel. Out of these entries 50 artists are selected, with approximately 60 works being hung and displayed in ArtSway's gallery. The winner of the Open receives the award of a solo exhibition at ArtSway, with full curatorial, mentoring and marketing support up to, during and after their exhibition.

The winner of last year's Open was Hampshire based sculptor Joel Papps. His exhibition, *goodpastures*, took place at ArtSway during the summer of 2007, to great acclaim. Many visitors commented that his work, which explored a debilitating illness that affected the artist in 2000, and after which his exhibition was named, was an intriguing success. Joel's exhibition was given a positive review in the October 2007 issue of *Art Monthly*.

Joel has been invited back to ArtSway as one of four members of the selection panel along with ArtSway's Director, Mark Segal, and Curator of Exhibitions and Education, Peter Bonnell. Maintaining ArtSway's strong links with the Milton Keynes Gallery, Director Michael Stanley is also present on the board.

ArtSway Open07 is sponsored by Lashmars Accountants of Lymington.



Exhibition Related Events:

Open Studios

Saturday 8 December, 12pm - 5pm

Come and visit ArtSway's studio artists, and talk to them about their work, or perhaps find a one of a kind gift for a loved-one. Free, All Welcome.

Portfolio Day

Friday 14 December, 10am - 4pm

Ten half-hour slots for artists from all backgrounds for critiques, portfolio reviews and career advice with Director Mark Segal and Curator Peter Bonnell. Contact Melinda on 01590 682260 x 11 or email melinda@artsway.org.uk to book your slot.

Gallery Talk and Winner Announcement

Saturday 26 January, 2pm

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

ArtSway is a unique place in the UK's New Forest to see, discuss, make and engage with significant contemporary visual art from the local to the international. 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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ArtSway is open: Tuesday - Sunday 11am - 5pm, Admission is FREE

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