

1985 EXHIBITION

ATIENA INTERNATIONAL ART AWARDS

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4-13 SEPTEMBER
THE MALL GALLERIES
THE MALL
LONDON SW1

FOREWORD

Last year I accepted an invitation from the art publishing firm, Athena International, to become Chairman of a committee, which would advise them how to set up a competition for a new Art Award. I did so because Athena's ideas seemed to me imaginative and generous. So this year we have a competition open to artists of any nationality between the ages of 21 and 50 resident in the UK, providing a marvellous incentive to many people with different sorts of creative talent.

The competition has provided a unique opportunity for artists. They have the chance of winning the largest first prize of any art competition in the UK, £25,000. There are also three supporting prizes of £2,000 each. The top entries are being exhibited at the Mall Galleries in London, and all entries will have been considered by a separate panel from Athena for possible inclusion in their publishing programme.

Perhaps the best thing of all is that over 1600 artists of many different disciplines have responded and submitted their work. One of the striking aspects of this first exhibition is the diversity of thematic content of the works and the variety of media used. It is clear that Athena International's first Art Awards have been received with tremendous interest and enthusiasm by artists all over the country, and it looks as if the competition could play a major part in the calendar of many artists in the future.

I want to thank and congratulate four sets of people. First the judges for their hard work and their expertise which gave artists confidence to enter. Second the Mall Galleries staff for their support and efficiency in the handling of judging and exhibition. Third my colleagues on the Administrative Committee. But of course, the main thanks must go to Athena International without whose generosity and enterprise such a stimulating Art Awards scheme would not have emerged.

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LESLEY J. BURR 15 She appeared from Water Oil on canvas	350
ALAN C. CADMAN 16 Young Girl at the Table Oil on canvas	500
DAVID CARR 17 Yorkshire Landscape (Staithes) Watercolour	900
PAUL CHARLES 18 Massachios <i>Oils</i>	1000
MAGGIE CLYDE 19 Waiting for the Tide to turn Gouache	600
THOMAS COATES RBA RWS RP NEAC 20 Mistral approaching Chania, Crete Oil	1500
BRIAN COLLIER 21 Gliders on the South Downs Oil	1500
CHRISTOPHER COOK 22 Blue Cloth (A Falling Child) Oil on paper	300
FRANCES CORNER 23 The Journey Mixed media on paper	500
ALEXANDRA COULTER 24 Untitled Oil	500
P. J. CROOK 25 Childrens Games Acrylic	3000
G. N. CROWLEY 26 At the Edge Pastel on paper	1350
IAN DARRAGH 27 Imago Acrylic on canvas	1500
TOM DEWHURST 28* The Roman Invasion of Britain Oil on canvas	2600



27 Imago Ian Darragh



28 The Roman Invasion of Britain

Tom Dewhurst