

Landscape painting by Pembrokeshire artist Sarah Jane Brown selected for contemporary London art exhibition ING Discerning Eye 2023



Curiosity, oil on canvas board, 30 x 30 cm

A landscape painting by contemporary Welsh landscape artist Sarah Jane Brown will feature in this year's ING Discerning Eye exhibition at the Mall Galleries in London from 17th to 26th November and online until 31st December.

Sarah Jane takes inspiration from the coastal landscape of her Pembrokeshire home, drawing on emotions experienced whilst walking the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park. Her paintings reflect internal landscapes through the beauty of the Pembrokeshire skies and countryside, the natural drama of the elements and the sea.

“It’s the sense of spaciousness that interests me, and not just visual space but mental space, something that I’m quite passionate about,” says Sarah Jane, “so it’s wonderful to be able to show my work at the Mall Galleries in London again this year. I am thrilled that my painting, ‘Curiosity’, has been chosen for the ING Discerning Eye exhibition.”

The Discerning Eye is a visual arts-focused educational charity established in the UK in 1990. They aim to encourage an understanding and appreciation of the visual arts, to stimulate debate about the place and purpose of art in society, and the contribution each of us can make to its development. Their annual exhibition, sponsored by ING for 25 years, offers awards of over £14,000 in prizes, including the ING Purchase Prize worth £5,000.

The exhibition is famous for its selection process. Six prominent figures from the art world - two artists, two collectors and two critics - select from publically submitted works and works by personally invited artists, allowing the opportunity for emerging artists to exhibit alongside more established names. Each selector chooses independently, and their choices are hung in separate sections, resulting in the impression of six small exhibitions within the whole.

The selectors this year are Tony Adams, former footballer and collector; Eliza Gluckman, Director of the Government Art Collection; Chris Levine, artist; Peju Oshin, critic, curator, writer and lecturer; Ian "H" Watkins, singer and collector; Julian Wild, artist and lecturer.

Sarah Jane studied Fine Art Painting at the West Wales School of the Arts. Since graduating with a first-class honours degree, her career as a professional artist has steadily gained momentum and recognition. In 2020, Sarah Jane was awarded full membership to the Guild Society of Artists, part of the Fine Art Trade Guild, and the right to use the GSA post-nominal letters. The award acknowledges the consistently high standard of her work, as well as her professionalism and business ethics. She has exhibited widely across the UK, including at London's Mall Galleries with the Royal Society of Marine Artists and the Royal Cambrian Academy in North Wales, enjoying multiple solo shows and overseas exhibitions. She recently featured in a new TV series, The UK's National Parks with Caroline Quentin, that can be streamed online on Channel 4.

Invited to exhibit at On the Brink, a collection supporting Explorers Against Extinction's global art initiative Sketch for Survival, Sarah Jane will show ‘Above the petrel station’ at The Crypt Gallery Norwich, 12th - 14th October; The Dundas Street Gallery Edinburgh, 26th - 30th October; and gallery@oxo London, 8th - 12th November. A finalist in the Wales Contemporary/Cymru Gyfoes international art competition, her painting, 'Winter walk', will

be exhibited at The Waterfront Gallery, Milford Haven, Pembrokeshire, from 21 October - 20 December.

Represented by Etcetera Gallery in St Davids, Pembrokeshire, and Art Unlimited in Bridport, Dorset, Sarah Jane's work can also be seen at her Pembrokeshire studio. She regularly shares news about her painting life online; explore her website sjbfineart.com, follow @sjbfineart on Instagram or sign up for her newsletter to enjoy subscriber benefits, including first access to new work and exclusive invites.



Sarah Jane Brown with her painting, 'A Clear Direction', on display earlier this year at Mall Galleries, London, for the Royal Society of Marine Artists Exhibition 2023

ING Discerning Eye Exhibition 2023

Dates: 17th to 26th November 2023

Times: 10 am to 5 pm

Address: Mall Galleries, The Mall, London SW1

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Private View (invite only): Thursday 16th November 2023

Online Exhibition: 17th November - 31st December 2023

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