

## INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

The British Glass Biennale is the foremost exhibition of excellence in contemporary glass by artists, designers and craftspeople currently working in Britain. Taking place every two years it is the highlight of the International Festival of Glass, launched in 2004 in the heart of Stourbridge's historic Glass Quarter. At least 150 major new glass works from British artists are selected, making this a significant statement of national glass talent.

The British Glass Biennale is delighted to be working in association with the Worshipful Company of Glass Sellers to offer three prizes for 2008:

- The British Glass Biennale Award, increased to £8000 for the 'best in show'.
- The Glass Sellers Award worth £5000
- The Glass Sellers Student Award of £1000

The emphasis is on new work demonstrating excellence in design and technical skill. All work must be available for purchase.

Images submitted are placed before the jury panel anonymously and each piece will be judged on its own merit.

Applications for the Glass Sellers Student Award will be judged as a separate category, with a minimum of six pieces guaranteed a place in the exhibition and catalogue.

### JURY

British Glass Biennale 2008 jury:

Will Farmer	Director, Fieldings Auctioneers
Deirdre Figueiredo	Director, Craftspace
Jeremy Hunt	Editor, Art & Architecture
Kim Mawhinney	Curator of Applied Art, Ulster Museum
Angela Thwaites	Glass Artist

### EXHIBITION ORGANISER

Candice-Elena Greer has been re-appointed as exhibition organiser for 2008.

### EXHIBITION

The British Glass Biennale will be open daily from 22 August – 28 September, 10.00 – 5.00pm.

A contract will be issued to all successful applicants with their letter of confirmation. This will include permission to the Ruskin Glass Centre to use the images/information supplied. Please ensure that you have the right to grant permission.

All exhibition pieces selected for display must arrive at the Ruskin Glass Centre during week commencing 28 July.

All work will be covered by insurance whilst on the Ruskin Glass Centre's premises. Applicants should ensure that their work is insured in transit to the Ruskin Glass Centre.

The prize-winners will be announced during the Private View and Awards Ceremony on the evening of 21 August. The awarding panels' decisions are final and no discussion or correspondence will be entered into in relation to the award of the prizes.

All pieces will be on sale at retail price with the Festival taking 50% commission. The retail price will be double the wholesale price supplied by the applicant. So if the wholesale price was £500, the retail price will be £1,000 and the Festival will take £500 commission. The Festival is not VAT registered.

The British Glass Biennale will be taken down week commencing Monday 29 September. Unsold pieces can be collected by prior arrangement or will be sent back in the original packaging at the artist's expense.

### **BRITISH GLASS BIENNALE SELECTION PROCESS**

The jury will make a selection on the basis of the images supplied. The decision of the jury is final and no discussion or correspondence will be entered into in relation to the selection process. Applications for the Glass Sellers Student Award will be judged as a separate category.

Remember - the quality of the image is as important as the work itself.

### **AWARDS**

#### **British Glass Biennale Award 2008**

The British Glass Biennale Award of £8,000 will be presented for the 'best in show'. Students applying for the Glass Sellers Student Award will not be eligible for this award.

#### **Worshipful Company of Glass Sellers Awards**

The winners of the Glass Sellers Award and Glass Sellers Student Award will be selected by the Worshipful Company of Glass Sellers. They will be looking for originality and talent in the use of glass as a medium of artistic expression and the awards are presented for the artistic and technical excellence of submissions predominantly in glass, but specifically excluding stained glass windows.

#### **The Glass Sellers Award: £5,000**

Winners of the Main Award within the last five years are not eligible.

#### **Glass Sellers Student Award: £1,000**

Entrants for the Student Award must currently be studying or be within three years of graduating. Previous student winners are eligible to be considered for the Main Award only.

**APPLICANTS CAN ONLY APPLY FOR EITHER THE MAIN AWARDS OR THE STUDENT AWARD.**

## **ELIGIBILITY FOR ENTERING**

Open to artists, designers and craftspeople, working in all areas of contemporary glass practice or using glass as a key design element.

Applicants must have been living and working in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for the last two consecutive years.

Each artist can submit up to three pieces.

Each piece must be predominantly made of glass but can incorporate other materials.

All pieces must have been made since 31 March 2006.

All work on display must be for sale.

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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