

Home-Grown Talent II



New art exhibition showing our home-grown talent

Duff House hosts the second exhibition of work by artists who have benefited from the Aberdeenshire Visual Artists' Award Scheme. This Award allows artists living in Aberdeenshire to advance their skills, to undertake a new project or take time to research new ideas. The Award has had a positive impact on the work of many local artists to date and this year a special selection of two-dimensional pieces are featured.

Home-Grown Talent II is being held in the main exhibition rooms and has been curated by local sculptor and AVAAS panel judge Alison Simpson.

Grants of up to £1,000 are available to Aberdeenshire artists and applications can be submitted at two different times each year. The next deadline will be July 2007.

Over 30 artists have been helped with this award. Local artists who have been assisted in past years include Jemima Chillingworth from Gardenstown and Jennifer Mole from Banff. Jemima is also exhibiting her photographic work in this exhibition. Unusual images of Scottish flowers by David Hood (another Banffshire artist and AVAAS award-winner) will be on show in the Long Gallery.

Bruce Robertson is opening the exhibition on Saturday 3 March at 2pm, Aberdeenshire Council's newly appointed Director of Education & Recreation. General Manager Rachel Kennedy said "Our new director has only been in post one week so we are delighted that he is able to join us at such a key arts event in Duff House's new summer programme. It's a lovely exhibition with some really interesting pictures. The subject matter is varied with some beautiful life studies and landscapes hanging alongside striking abstract art and some very modern imagery. I think the works look really good in the space and I am sure that our visitors will find something they like. I hope that we can continue to support local artists by exhibiting their work in this way, every Spring."

Home-Grown Talent II opens Saturday 3 March 2007 until Sunday 15 April 2007

For application forms, guidelines and further information on Aberdeenshire Visual Artists' Award Scheme please contact Sally Thomson, exhibition organiser and an arts development officer with Aberdeenshire Council.

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Duff House Country Gallery in Banff is a cultural arts centre operated by a unique partnership of Historic Scotland, the national Galleries of Scotland and Aberdeenshire Council.

Built in the early 18th century by William Adam and once home to the Duff family, the Earls Fife, it was re-opened to the public in 1995 after extensive restoration. Duff House now enjoys five-star visitor attraction status from VisitScotland. The Summer 2007 programme of events and exhibitions will be available from the house and online shortly.

From Monday 2nd April 2007 Duff House is open daily from 11am -5pm until October. Admission fees apply.

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