



AIB announces short-list of winners for The AIB Prize

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AIB Group today announced the four short-listed winners for "The AIB Prize", an innovative annual award for artists of promise. "The AIB Prize" was launched in December by Group Chief Executive Designate, Michael Buckley, and the aim of the award was to identify Irish visual artists of outstanding promise and to assist them in launching their careers.

The short-listed artists and their nominating galleries are:

Gerard ByrneLimerick City Gallery of Art, Limerick

Mark CurranGallery of Photography, Dublin

Eoin LlewellynButler Gallery, Kilkenny

Caroline McCarthyTemple Bar Gallery, Dublin

Although this is the initial year of the Prize, the adjudicators reflected that the high standard of very worthy artists throughout Ireland has made their task a difficult one.

The total value of "The AIB Prize" will be IR£15,000. In addition to receiving a cash award, the winner will have an exhibition and catalogue funded by AIB. The winner can also avail of a residency at the Ballinglen Arts Foundation in Mayo. The three runners up will each receive an award of IR£1,000.

The overall winner will be announced at a reception in June where a selection of work from the four finalists will be shown. The nominating venue will hold an exhibition of the winning artist's work, with an accompanying publication in 2002.

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