



AIB announces short-list of winners for The 2005 AIB Prize

21st March 2005

AIB Group today announced the four short-listed winners for The AIB Prize, an annual award for artists of promise. Now in its fifth year, The AIB Prize was launched in December 2000 by Michael Buckley, Group Chief Executive. The aim of the award is to identify Irish visual artists of outstanding promise and to assist them in launching their careers.

This year's short-listed artists and their nominating galleries are:

Orla Barry - Irish Museum of Modern Art, Dublin

Paul Doran - Sligo Art Gallery

Julie Merriman - West Cork Arts Centre

Tom Molloy - Limerick City Gallery of Art

The panel of adjudicators are Aidan Dunne, Art Critic; Margo Dolan, Director, Ballinglen Arts Foundation, Antonia Payne, Associate Dean, School of Art & Design, University of Wolverhampton and Dr. Frances Ruane, AIB Art Adviser.

The winner of 'The AIB Prize' will receive €20,000 for the purpose of creating new work for an exhibition and for the publication of an accompanying catalogue. 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 €1,500.

The overall winner will be announced at a reception on Thursday 21 April in the Royal Hibernian Academy Gallagher Gallery, Dublin where a selection of work from the finalists will be shown. The nominating venue will hold an exhibition of the winning artist's work, with an accompanying publication.

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