

## **DERWENT ART PRIZE 2020**



This catalogue is specially made to accompany the Derwent Art Prize virtual exhibition which can be found at www.derwentart.com

Due to the unprecedented global health emergency we are facing we have had to take the decision to change the way we hold the Derwent Art Prize exhibition this year, showcasing the selected artworks across a variety of digital platforms - enabling us to reach audiences all over the world. We believe in the power of art to lift our spirits and bring joy and we hope that the fantastic work featured in this exhibition can do just that.

To keep up to date and view all aspects of this digital exhibition please subscribe to the Derwent newsletter and visit the links below:

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Welcome to the Derwent Art Prize Exhibition 2020. The Derwent Art Prize was established in 2012 and aims to reward excellence by showcasing the very best artworks created in pencil by artists from around the world.

Many congratulations to the shortlisted artists and to the prizewinners. The exhibition includes work by artists from 13 different countries – France, Ukraine, China, Hungary, Canada, the United States, Saudi Arabia, the Netherlands, Germany, New Zealand, Spain, India and the United Kingdom and highlights the broad spectrum of drawing methodologies being utilised by creative practitioners across the world. The 70 works, which range from gestural abstracts to brooding landscapes and three-dimensional pieces, were shortlisted from 4756 submissions from 72 different countries, the highest number of entries in the history of the Prize. 20% of submissions came from artists between the age of 18 and 25 and it is fantastic to see the work being created by students and young people today.

The diversity of the works displayed in the exhibition is a testament to the creativity of the pencil medium and the freedom it allows. The selected artworks demonstrate that the Derwent Art Prize continues to showcase one of the finest forms of expression within the visual arts.

We work in partnership with artists throughout all stages of the creative process and feel immensely privileged to be supporting those artists who have been shortlisted for this year's award. The Derwent Art Prize provides a platform for international artists to exhibit their artwork and we are proud of the exposure that the Prize offers and of the potential that it uncovers.

With a heritage dating back to 1832, quality, craftsmanship and innovation are key cornerstones of the Derwent brand. Perfecting the art of pencil manufacturing in the Lake District for generations, Derwent's wide range of pencils is synonymous with quality and craftsmanship. Artistry is threaded through the core of every Derwent product to deliver world-class art materials at every stage of the creative journey.

Thank you to all the entrants who invested the time to submit 4756 works of art. This is huge global engagement in the Derwent Art Prize and the level of competition is one of the reasons that it's such a prestigious art prize to win. A personal thank you also goes to the Derwent marketing team and the team at Parker Harris for organising another superb Derwent Art Prize, exhibition and overall event this year.

Congratulations once again to all those shortlisted and to the exemplary winners of the 2020 Derwent Art Prize for producing such fantastic works of art.

Mike Stranders
Vice President and General Manager Derwent

Alice Rawsthorn is an award-winning design critic and author of the critically acclaimed books Design as an Attitude and Hello World: Where Design Meets Life. Her weekly design column for The New York Times was syndicated worldwide for over a decade. A leading public speaker on design, Alice has spoken at important global events including TED and the World Economic Forum in Davos. Born in Manchester and based in London, Alice is chair of the boards of trustees of The Hepworth Wakefield art gallery in Yorkshire and Chisenhale Gallery in London.

A founding member of the Writers for Liberty campaign for human rights, she was awarded an Order of the British Empire (OBE) for services to design and the arts.

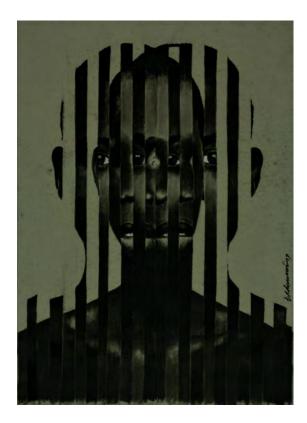
"Selecting the strongest works for the exhibition was hugely enjoyable and intensely difficult because so many people submitted entries for the prize, and the quality was so high. We were spoilt for choice in choosing the most compelling works, and were also very moved by the passion and dedication that the entrants had invested in drawing, which gives immense pleasure to a great many people."

Victoria Pomery has worked in the arts all her life. In 2002 she was appointed as the founding Director of Turner Contemporary to develop an arts organisation in Margate as part of a strategy of cultural-led regeneration. Since opening in 2011, Turner Contemporary has welcomed more than 3.5 million visits. Victoria is responsible for the artistic and strategic vision of the organisation. In 2019 Turner Contemporary hosted the Turner Prize exhibition and Victoria was on the jury. Victoria was awarded an OBE for services to the arts in 2012 and an Honorary Doctorate from Canterbury Christ Church University in 2020. Victoria is a trustee of the Bethlem Gallery and a Kent Ambassador.

"Judging the Derwent Art Prize has been a fascinating process. There were so many wonderful entries demonstrating the creativity of artists based in the UK and beyond. It has been a privilege to work with the panel and I'm only sorry that we haven't been able to include more works in the final exhibition."

Charles Avery (b. 1973, Oban, UK) lives and works in London and Mull. Since 2005 Avery has dedicated his practice to the description of a fictional island which he continually elaborates, describing its population, customs and philosophies, nature and architecture, expressed in the form of large-scale drawings, sculptures, installations and texts. Known only as 'The Island', Avery's wave-lapped realm is not only a vividly realised fiction, teeming with sights both strange and strangely familiar, it also operates as a petri dish in which the artist tests ideas from the fields of epistemology, aesthetics, mathematics, economics, anthropology, architecture, and beyond. Selected solo exhibitions include The Taile of The One-Armed Snake, GRIMM, Amsterdam (NL) (Current); The Gates of Onomatopoeia, Ingleby Gallery, Edinburgh (2019); These Waters, GRIMM, New York (2017); Study #15: Charles Avery, David Roberts Art Foundation, London (2017); What's the matter with Idealism?, Gemeentemuseum, The Hague (2015). Selected group exhibitions include The Seventh Continent, curated by Nicolas Bourriaud, 16th Istanbul Biennale (2019); NOW, Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art, Edinburgh (2019); Pluriverse, La Panacée, Montpellier (2017); GLASSTRESS, Palazzo Franchetti, 57th Venice Biennale (2017); Art Night, Whitechapel Gallery, London (2017). Avery represented Scotland at the 52nd Venice Biennale in 2007.

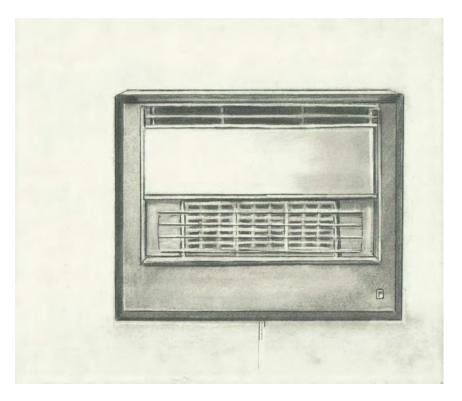
It was struck, not only by the huge amount of entries, but the dedication and effort on display. Myself and my fellow judges looked at every one of the 4000+ submissions - the shortlist could have taken many shapes. Drawing and working on paper is the most accessible and direct means of expression for many people: those we have chosen reflect the great diversity of practice today. Thank you to Derwent for enabling this focal point for drawing: every one of the entrants are to be congratulated for participating, for their commitment, and for sharing their work with us.'



Double Sided Charcoal on paper 56 x 71 cm



 $\begin{array}{c} \text{Elvis} \\ \text{Graphite pencil on paper} \\ \text{40} \times \text{40cm} \end{array}$ 



Radiator Graphite on paper 24 x 21 cm



Sharon Charcoal on paper 60 x 100cm



Cliff Drawing Mixed media 93 x 68cm

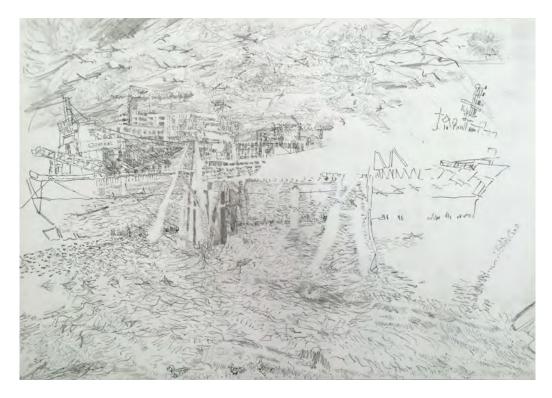


Time: Memory Charcoal and pencil on paper 30 x 42cm

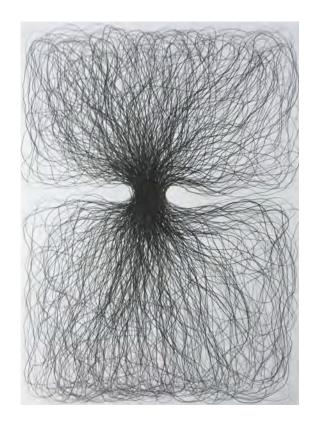


Living Room Charcoal on paper 30 x 42cm

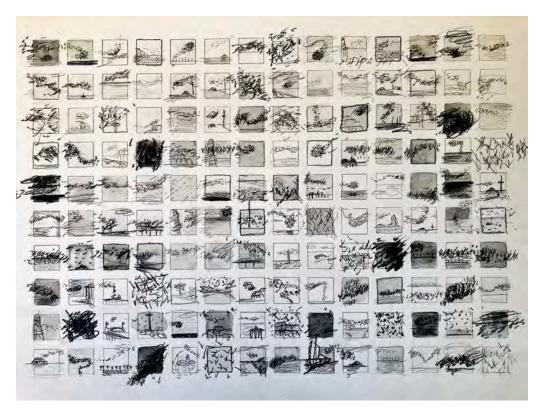




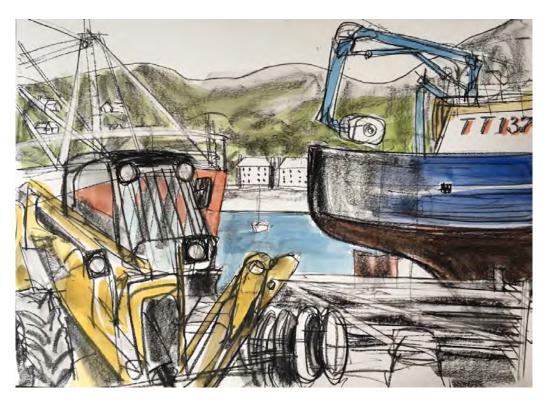
Recurrence Graphite on paper 60 x 42cm



Drawing Pencil on paper 38 x 46cm



Studying Murmurations
Pencil and graphite aquarelle on paper 88 x 69cm



Looking Through the Boatyard Charcoal and watercolour on paper  $40 \times 30 \text{cm}$ 



Goodrich Pencil on paper 42 x 32cm



If You Command it to Rain Pencil, ink and gold leaf on vellum  $30 \times 30 \text{cm}$ 



 $\begin{array}{c} \text{Soothsayer} \\ \text{Pencil, ink and gold leaf on vellum} \\ \text{30} \times \text{30cm} \end{array}$ 



Dreams Have Left Our Eyelids Pencil, ink and gold leaf on vellum  $18 \times 18$ cm



Harbour Wall I Graphite pencil on paper 21 x 13cm



A Peckham Poet's Spring Pencil on paper 42 x 42cm

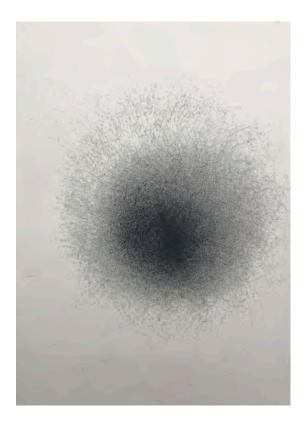


Floodgate Charcoal and pastel on paper 40 x 30cm



 $\begin{array}{c} \text{Pineta II} \\ \text{Pencil and pastel on tinted paper} \\ 30 \times 22 \text{cm} \end{array}$ 

## Emma Davis United Kingdom



Fan Drawing 8 Charcoal on paper 63 x 83cm



Harehills Lane Pencil on paper 45 x 35cm



End of the Day Charcoal and compressed charcoal on paper  $65 \times 80 \text{cm}$ 



Hackney Tower View 5 Charcoal and pastel on paper 46 x 39cm



Water Light Pencil and ink on paper 21x 15cm



Autumn Language No. I Charcoal on paper 27 x 39cm



Counting the Minutes Colour pencil and acrylic paint on acid free paper  $42 \times 59 \text{cm}$ 



 $\begin{array}{c} & \text{Barrier} \\ \text{Charcoal pencil on gesso board} \\ & \text{45} \times 30 \text{cm} \end{array}$ 



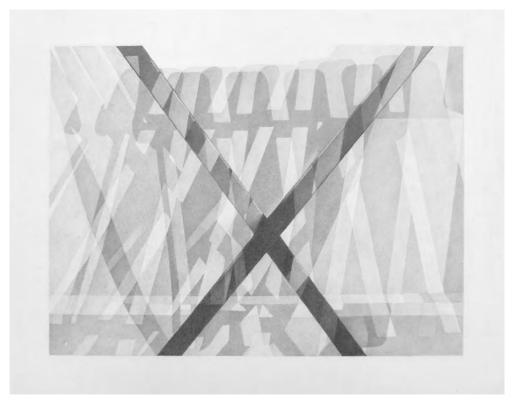
Drumsticks Colour pencil on paper 35 x 26cm



 $\begin{array}{c} \text{Sept '19 - Oct '19} \\ \text{Graphite and acrylic medium on linen} \\ \text{40} \times \text{40cm} \end{array}$ 



Back of Facade Graphite on paper 23 x 30cm



X (Cast Shadow of a Kitchen Chair on the Wall) Pencil on paper  $59 \times 48 \text{cm}$ 



Shopper Charcoal on paper 38 x 28cm



2 Mixed media on paper 18 x 23cm



Errigal Chalk pastel on paper 144 x 107cm



On the Hill Her Feet in the Moss Pastel on paper  $24 \times 12 cm$ 



Cardboard Portrait 19 Pencil on paper 30 x 33cm



\$15\$ Charcoal pencil and ink on paper  $50\times70\text{cm}$ 

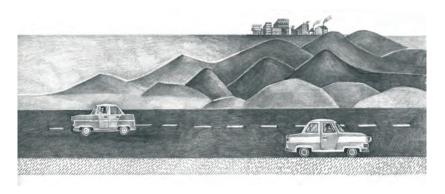


 $\label{eq:Divyuze} \text{Pastel, charcoal, coloured penci, ink and watercolour on paper} \\ \text{45} \times \text{66cm}$ 



On Fire Charcoal, ink and oil paint mixed in gesso  $50 \times 75 \text{cm}$ 

## Csenge Kindli Germany



The Story of Szigeti Mária - Episode: Car ride in summer Pencil on paper 30 x 10cm



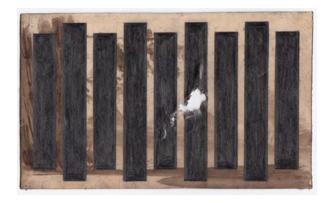
The Story of Szigeti Mária - Episode: Local Supermarket Visit Pencil on paper  $30 \times 10 \text{cm}$ 



There's No End to It Pencil on a Pringles can 8 x 21 cm



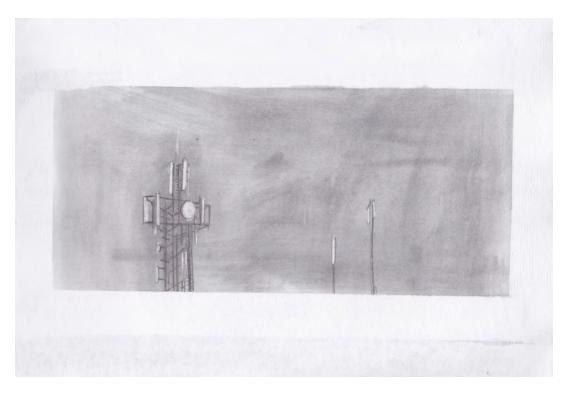
Untitled Pencil on found paper 8 x 12cm



 $\begin{array}{c} & \text{Untitled} \\ \text{Pencil and paint on found paper} \\ & \text{I} \, 9 \times \text{I} \, 2 \text{cm} \end{array}$ 



Perpetual Drawings Pencil on paper 110 x 75cm



New Monuments Graphite and pencil on paper 29  $\times$  21 cm



Decisiveness and Sleepiness Graphite and charcoal on paper 70 x 95cm



Park Charcoal on paper II6 x 82cm



The Head #I Charcoal on cardboard 40 x 58cm



Paroxysmal Object (Drawing #9)

Colour pencil on paper

60 x 50cm



Echeveria Pulvinata Colour pencil on paper 21 x 29cm



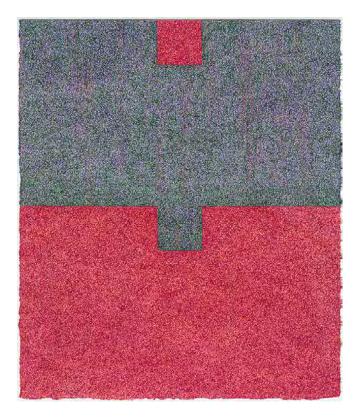
Untitled Graphite and gesso 66 x 20cm



Suspended Drawing Graphite on paper 152 x 182cm



Fear Factor Colour pencil on paper  $29 \times 19 \text{cm}$ 



Caraid XXIII Conte pastel and felt tip pen on paper  $37 \times 43 \text{cm}$ 



Brown Dog Pastel pencils on paper 70 x 100cm



Blue Bedchamber (Strawberry Hill House) Charcoal on paper  $84 \times 60 \text{cm}$ 



Master's Hope With his Camel Pencil on paper  $56 \times 71 \text{cm}$ 



Dull Day at Port Talbot Charcoal and pastel on paper 80 x 60cm



In Workplace Charcoal on paper 75 x 100cm



32, 202 Honey buzzards 28/08/2017 - 03/09/2017 Cazalla, Tarifa Charcoal on paper I I 2  $\times$  I I 2cm



Capitalism IV Charcoal on paper 80 x I 20cm



Glasgow Central Station 5th August 2019 Charcoal on paper 84 x 70cm



Dog Walker Colour pencil on paper 34 x 17cm



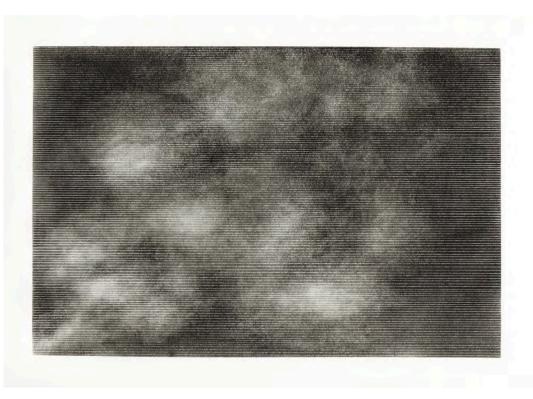
Vintage Store in Vegas Colour pencil on paper 34 x 17cm



Ładno Pracownia Pencil and watercolour on paper 76 x 28cm



X-Channel Ferry Charcoal on paper 180 x 152cm



Transmission 2 Graphite on paper 30 x 21cm



 $\begin{array}{c} \text{After Painting} \\ \text{Pencil and watercolour on paper} \\ \text{48} \times \text{69cm} \end{array}$ 

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