

THE COLUMBIA THREADNEEDLE PRIZE



Beer and Guns

Solo exhibition by Winner of The Columbia Threadneedle Prize 2016
Lewis Hazelwood-Horner Celebrates London's Craftsmen

The art of Lewis Hazelwood-Horner, winner of The Columbia Threadneedle Prize 2016, will be shown at a solo exhibition, Beer and Guns, at Mall Galleries in central London, between 19 and 24 September 2016.

Lewis Hazelwood-Horner won The Columbia Threadneedle Prize in February this year, after his work, Salt in Tea was chosen by the Selection Panel from 3,828 entries. The Columbia Threadneedle Prize is Europe's leading open competition for figurative and representational art.

Salt in Tea was painted following a two-year residency at the bespoke umbrella shop James Smith & Sons in London's West End. The title refers to when the craftsmen jokingly put salt or too much sugar in one another's tea. In a first for the competition, Lewis's Salt in Tea was also named 'Visitors' Choice' from the exhibition of 92 works shown at Mall Galleries. As winner of The Columbia Threadneedle Prize 2016 Lewis received a cash prize of £20,000 as well as this solo exhibition at the Mall Galleries. He also won an additional £10,000 for the Visitors' Choice Award.

All works in his solo exhibition were created during Hazelwood-Horner's residencies at a number of London businesses, continuing his interest in the theme of craft in London, as demonstrated in Salt in Tea. His works reveal how old practices have evolved over time, showing the importance of the lightness of touch of a skilled and experienced craftsman (or woman), that cannot be replicated by machine. Many of his works relate to brewing and gun manufacture, leading to the exhibition's title, Beer and Guns.

His residencies have included:

- Harvey's Brewery
- Howling Hops Brewery
- Redemption Brewery
- Little Scotney Farm
- Redlands Hop Farm
- Truman Brewery
- Kernel Brewery
- Lobbs Bespoke Shoemakers
- Holland & Holland - Gun makers
- James Smith & Sons - Umbrella makers
- Freed Pointe Shoes - Ballet Shoe makers

Alison Jefferis, Head of Corporate Affairs at Columbia Threadneedle Investments, said: "We are delighted to support Lewis's solo exhibition. Columbia Threadneedle has sponsored this Prize since 2008 and is proud to provide a platform that has enabled artists to further their career."

Katie Sheasby, Operations Manager at Howling Hops Brewery describes a painting by Lewis Hazelwood-Horner of her colleague, a brewer, at work as "a beautiful celebration of the otherwise unseen and little acknowledged hard work undertaken every day by a really humble craftsman - especially as Gianmaria was brewing in the basement of the Cock Tavern so was literally out of sight and underground!"

She also found "something very timeless about both the process of painting and the process of brewing, which I think really came through the finished piece - it could have been 100 years ago as easily as it was 2015! It also captures a unique time within the beer world when the more 'old fashioned' labour intensive processes of brewing, rather than the larger scale more industrial ones, are enjoying a revival."

Samantha Rigby, Director of the Redemption Brewery said of Lewis Hazelwood-Horner's residency, "Lewis was such an engaging artist, bringing the spirit of our brewery to life through his paintbrush. Lewis has an extraordinary talent".

Biography

Lewis Hazelwood-Horner, 24, lives and works in Enfield. He attended the Byam Shaw School of Art and the London Atelier of Representational Art.

All the works are for sale and new paintings can be commissioned.

Exhibition runs 19 to 24 September
10am to 5pm (closes 4pm on final day)
Admission Free
Mall Galleries
The Mall, London SW1
www.mallgalleries.org.uk

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Notes to Editors

Established in 2008, The Columbia Threadneedle Prize (formerly The Threadneedle Prize) is Europe's leading open competition for figurative and representational art and each year the number of entries continues to increase as the Prize gains momentum. In 2016 the Prize attracted 3,828 entries from 1,973 artists, with 92 works making the final exhibition at Mall Galleries in central London. The Columbia Threadneedle Prize encourages debate about the relevance of figurative and representational art. This year a selection of the works were exhibited at Palazzo Strozzi, Florence in a unique exchange, fostering an important debate on figurative art at international level. See www.columbiathreadneedleprize.com

About Mall Galleries

Mall Galleries is a major contemporary gallery space in the heart of central London, and is the national focal point for contemporary figurative art. For over 40 years Mall Galleries has played a crucial role in diversifying the practice of figurative art, exploring its boundaries while inspiring and educating audiences with new exhibitions and interpretations of the contemporary world. See www.mallgalleries.org.uk

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