

Press Release

Laura Carlin wins prestigious award in Bologna

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We are very pleased to announce that *The Iron Man* illustrated by Laura Carlin has gained recognition for this young artist. Laura Carlin won a prize in the fiction category of the prestigious Bologna Ragazzi Awards at the Bologna Children's Book Fair 2011. She has also worked with Faber and Faber illustrating a special edition of the works of Chekhov.

The judging panel gave the following review of the work:

'A ship ploughs silently through a sea filling the page towards a library of images from the world of storytelling. Each plate is a universe unto itself, crying out to be drained of its narrative potential. The story comes alive in the vibrant contrasts and physical materiality of the colours. The small human figures depicted are the result of painstaking research as are the houses, tractors, countryside or warehouses. Work, nature and objects are all imbued with an elegance that harks back to the Japanese tradition. Yet the illustrator conveys many different periods, views of the world and mindsets. The book is a heartfelt tribute to the great history of illustration of which it is a very worthy part.'

Laura Carlin will be showing some of her illustrations and ceramics in "Show Out of Drawing", alongside work by Tom Hammick and Betsy Dadd, at the gallery from 30 April to 28 May.

A limited edition version of the book will be available from the gallery, and others from the Book Ferret, High Street, Arundel.

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Laura Carlin:

Laura Carlin is a graduate of the Royal College of Art and mainly works within the medium of drawing. Whilst studying for her MA, Laura won several awards including the Shelia Robinson Drawing Prize, the Quentin Blake Award two years running, and the 2004 National Magazine Award. She also received the Uniqlo Fashion Illustration Award in both 2003 and 2004, which enabled her to travel to Shanghai, China. As a commercial illustrator, Laura's work has featured in publications such as *Vogue*, *The New Scientist*, *The Guardian*, *The Observer*, *The Sunday Telegraph* and *The Independent*.

Since leaving the Royal College of Art, Laura teaches part time in a number of Universities and is currently part of a panel, initiated by Quentin Blake, which is in the process of setting up the world's first illustration gallery in London.

Tom Hammick:

Tom Hammick work has been in many solo and group shows including The Hunting Prize, Royal College of Art, London (1997,2002,2003,2004); Jerwood Drawing Prize (2000, 2001, 2004); The Royal Academy Summer Show (2004, 2005, 2008, 2009, 2010).

His work is held in various public and private collections worldwide, including The British Museum, London; Yale Centre for British Art, Deutsche Bank; De Beers; ING Barings; Arthur Anderson; British Arts Council and The Art Gallery of Nova Scotia.

Tom Hammick teaches at Brighton University in the Faculty of Arts.

Betsy Dadd:

Betsy Dadd exhibited at the Zimmer Stewart Gallery in March 2007, and later that year with *Flowers*, London. Her works include paintings, monoprints and drawings. Her output also includes animation – or 'moving drawings' - one of which was used as a music video. Betsy Dadd won the Nagoya University of Art 2008 1st Prize Award as well as the audience voted 'Peoples' Prize' for her degree show in which she exhibited '8000 Drawings.' an animated film piece.

She has contributed to a number of screenings and exhibitions in Japan as well as here in England since graduation. She has also been working on an animation in response to a Glyndebourne production of the Gabriel Marquez' magical realist novel 'Love and Other Demons.'

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