



King Edward VII's Hospital
Call for Artists

2023 Art Exhibition

Twelve months from 29 January 2023

(All selected pieces to be rented for the period of the exhibition)

'Call for Artists' to be managed by Zimmer Stewart Gallery on behalf of King Edward VII's Hospital:

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King Edward VII's Hospital:

The King Edward VII's Hospital is an independent charitable hospital with a unique heritage of Royal and Military Patronage. Their commitment to outstanding patient care dates back to 1899, when sisters Agnes and Fanny Keyser devoted themselves and their home to caring for sick and wounded officers returning from the Second Boer War.

In early 2022, a new Medical Centre was opened opposite the main hospital to offer a world class facility for diagnostic services and out patient care.

From February 2022, shortly after the Centre opened, the hospital placed artwork over the six floors of the new Medical Centre by six emerging London artists in non-clinical public areas.

This was well received by both clients and staff alike – full details of this with images are on the Blog pages of the Zimmer Stewart website.

Now the hospital are looking forward to a second phase, widening the scope of the 'exhibition' in all senses of the word.

They/we are looking for a broad range of works (mediums/genres/styles) by a diverse range artists to submit works.

Contemporary Art in Hospital:

For many decades hospital managers have understood the need for good contemporary art in hospitals. As with many other settings (offices, conference centres etc) the placement of art serves a purpose beyond merely decorating a space.

This primary purpose is important, art chosen needs to 'fit' the space and not be overwhelming.

The artwork also needs to serve to:

- Promote and reinforce the culture, standards and aims of the organisation
- Create a distraction and provoke discussion (see more below)
- Show that the organisation supports living artists and so builds goodwill

Why Art Matters

Research has shown that art can:

- Ease anxiety, stress and depression for both patients and staff
- Shorten length of stay in hospitals for patients
- Reduces the need for painkilling medication
- Increase staff morale and encourage team building
- Improve communication between patients and staff, and between staff members.

And so enhance overall the experience for all users of the building as well as improve patient care outcomes.



The Opportunity:

Zimmer Stewart Gallery is working with King Edward VII's Hospital in London to source and select approximately twenty works of art to be exhibited for a period of at least twelve months in the new Medical Centre on Beaumont Street, Marylebone, London, W1.

All works selected would be rented from the artist, should be delivered to London on the dates specified.

Key points:

- 1) Free to enter (maximum of 5 works per artist)
- 2) Open to all artists living/practicing in the UK over 18 years old.
- 3) All mediums will be considered provided the work can be hung on a wall and does not protrude more than 5 cm from the wall.
- 4) All works should be original, by the 'hand of the artist' and not reproductions and ready to hang.
- 5) Submitted works should be medium or large to fit in the locations for art placement
- 6) Works under glass will be considered, but not preferred.
- 7) Deadline for submissions is 30 September 2022
- 8) Artists with works selected to be notified by early December 2022 for installation on 28/29 January 2023
- 9) Exhibited works would be shown on the Zimmer Stewart Gallery website and promoted via PR, social media and websites by King Edward VII's Hospital
- 10) There will be a 'launch party' to which all participating artists would be invited to attend
- 11) Works can be shown as "For Sale", with any sales being processed by Zimmer Stewart Gallery on behalf of the artist.
- 12) Rental of artworks to be 30% of the gallery wall price of each work for the twelve month period, to be split between Zimmer Stewart Gallery and the artist.

Application process:

If you wish to submit work in response to this Call for Artists please send artist full name, telephone number, website, social media details with images, artist statement and a bio, with full details of the works being submitted to info@zimmerstewart.co.uk.

Images be no larger than 2mb, and include one of the piece on a wall (if possible). Image names should include artist name and work title.

Details needed with each submission would be: size, medium, value (gallery price), when created and optionally a short text providing some additional background or context to the work.

Medium works here are seen as from 60 x 70 cm to 100 x 100 cm and large works 100 x 150 cm to 140 x 180 cm. These measurements are to be considered as guidelines. Works larger may be considered, for example one large piece in place now is 250 x 190 cm.

Zimmer Stewart will receive all submissions and prepare a summary for a panel from the hospital (including both trustees and staff) to review and make the final selection by 30 November 2022.

Selected works would then be hung at the end of January 2023 for a minimum period of twelve months.



Zimmer Stewart Gallery

The Zimmer Stewart Gallery, based in West Sussex, was founded in 2003 by James Stewart and John Zimmer to promote and exhibit contemporary art by both emerging and established artists.

James Stewart has curated over 150 exhibitions, including art fairs and several pop up exhibitions in London and the South East.

In 2009 James Stewart joined the judging panel for the National Open Art Competition, alongside Catherine Lampert (Whitechapel Gallery), Gavin Turk (Artist) amongst others. He also took part in a panel discussion during the exhibition with Professor Edward Chaney.

In 2018 James Stewart joined the judging panel for the Sunday Times Watercolour Competition, alongside Louis Wise (Sunday Times Art critic), Ishbel Myerscough (Artist), Jennifer Scott (Director at Dulwich Picture Gallery). Selected works were exhibited at The Mall Galleries, London before touring the UK.

As well as being a commercial gallery, Zimmer Stewart have placed artwork in a wide variety of workplace settings.

All enquiries should be sent to James Stewart at info@zimmerstewart.co.uk