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an ROI Exhibition

We all have a favourite subject, whether it be sport, a particular pastime, family or even a lover. It's not always easy to ascertain someone's passion in life but when it comes to artists, we're granted a glimpse into their psyche through the work they produce and display.

Determining what drives an artist however may not be as easy as one might first believe. A painting of Paris' Champs Élysées may indicate a love of the French capital, but on further consideration, it could equally be argued that the study of architecture, interpersonal relationships, fashion or even travel constitutes the artist's raison d'être.

Running throughout the entire month of September this year, 'My Favourite Subject' will see members of the most highly regarded institute relating to oil painting (The ROI) present physical representations of their favourite subjects, each in their own trademark styles. Learn about what drives these industry leaders and explore the differing ways they each express themselves through the paintings they produce.

Enjoy guessing what each artist's favourite subject is, but remember, things may not always be as clear cut as you first think...

Beyond The Glare Natalia Avdeeva 48 x 36 inches | £2,600







As artists, we are compelled to paint, it's a necessity that drives us every day. But choosing what to put onto canvas is often half the battle. Our differing interests and passions in life mean we're all starting from a different point of view and even when depicting the same subject, we'll all have a unique take on it. Thank goodness that's the case or the art world would be a much more uniform place!

Ian Cryer
President of the ROI.

Led by its president, Ian Cryer and Vice President Tim Benson, The Royal Institute of Oil Painters was founded in 1882 and was granted royal status by King Edward VII in 1909. Confined to a very limited number of elected members, who each demonstrate the required level of excellence in the field of oil painting.

The ROI encompasses all styles and techniques - a tradition that dates back to its inauguration. The Royal Institute of Oil Painters demands the same high standard of excellence set by legendary artists of the past, such as Rodin, who have shown their work in ROI exhibitions.

Its records, beginning in 1882, are held in the Victoria & Albert Museum.

EXHIBITING ARTISTS

Ian Cryer (PROI)

President of The Royal Institute of Oil Painters (PROI), Ian Cryer was born in 1959. He is a West Country Artist, known worldwide for his modern impressionist oil paintings of evocative landscapes, timeless railway imagery, interiors and intriguing characters. His style has evolved as a result of many years working directly from life, this having given him a freshness and spontaneity that are the hallmarks of his work.

Cryer's rise to President of the ROI resulted from his phenomenal success over decades in exhibitions with many professional Art Societies including the Royal Academy and the ROI itself. His integration within these revered organisations has ensured he is acknowledged as one of the leading oil painters of our time and one to watch as his career continues to develop.

His works are held in many private and public collections including Pricewaterhouse-Coopers, Longleat House and The House of Lords' Permanent Collection. He has also enjoyed lucrative commissions from the likes of the Crossrail Project, English, Welsh and Scottish Railways and Royal Mail.





Tim Benson (VPROI)

Tim was elected as Vice President of the ROI in 2013 following his education at Glasgow School of Art and Byam Shaw School of Art from 1998-2001.

Regularly exhibiting in solo and group exhibitions around the UK, Tim displays fine art paintings, which have received widespread critical acclaim and accordingly has established a large following and collector base. His relative youth is impressive when considering he has already exhibited at The National Portrait Gallery and has been commissioned by the likes of Michael Palin CBE and Brian Cox CBE.

He is fascinated with creating the distinguishable likeness of a subject but moreover evoking the subject's character and mood. He is never satisfied with simple representation and prefers instead to concentrate on bringing to his work an emotive and often visceral quality.

Adebanii **Alade**

Linda **Alexander**

Naomi **Alexander**

Natalia **Avdeeva**

Chris **Bennett**

Richard Combes

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Bill **Dean**

Roger **Dellar**

Roger **Ferrin**

Lachlan Goudie

Helen **Hale**

Philip **James**

Robin Mackervoy

Tony Merrick

Ronald Morgan

Barry **Peckham**

David **Pilgrim**

Valerie **Smith**

Nick Verrall

Graham Webber



Devon Coastline Roger Dellar 20 x 20 inches | £1,895

Rockflight Helen Hale 42 x 22 inches | £1,975



Left

Nelson's Column Graham Webber 16 x 24 inches | £1,600

Right

Late Afternoon, St Mark's Roger Ferrin 32 x 28 inches | £1,200









Above

Quail's Eggs Linda Alexander 30 x 30 inches | £2,950

Left

Cornflowers Valerie Smith 11 x 14 inches | £750

Far left

Thames View Ian Cryer (PROI) 36 x 24 inches | £3,750





Above Chris Bennett 28 x 28 inches | £3,995

Right From The Shard Philip James 40 x 60 inches | £2,700





Sunbathing Naomi Alexander 40 x 30 inches | £2,250



Left

Morning Light Adebanji Alade 40 x 28 inches | £7,875

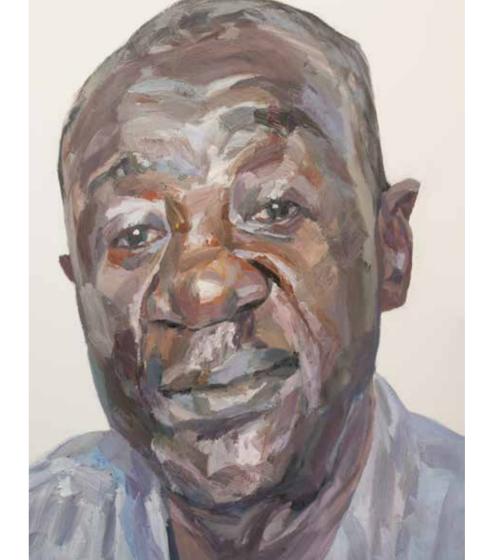
Right

Oakley Wood Barry Peckham 15 x 15 inches | £950





By The Serpentine Ronald Morgan 12 x 9 inches | £400



True Light
Tim Benson (VPROI)
48 x 60 inches | £9,500





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