

# MALL GALLERIES

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## LOCAL ARTIST'S SUCCESS IN MAJOR NATIONAL ART EXHIBITION

Work by a local artist has been selected from almost 900 entries to appear alongside paintings by some of Britain's leading watercolour artists. The Royal Institute of Painters in Water Colours' 200th exhibition will be on display at the Mall Galleries near Trafalgar Square between 14 – 25 March 2012.

The Royal Institute of Painters in Water Colours (RI) hold an open submission exhibition in central London each year. Founded in the mid 19<sup>th</sup> century, the Institute has come to be recognised as one of the leading national institutions for watercolour painters, spanning figurative, abstract and experimental work.

Although the society will only be 181 years old in 2012, it is their 200th London exhibition.

The RI showed their work in several galleries before the Mall Galleries. The most illustrious of these was the Institute's purpose built gallery at 190 - 195 Piccadilly, just opposite the Royal Academy. While there, as well as hosting exhibitions by other societies, the RI occasionally held more than one of its own exhibitions during the year, hence 200 exhibitions in 181 years.

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**Listings**  
Royal Institute of Painters in Water Colours Annual Exhibition  
Mall Galleries  
The Mall (near Trafalgar Square), London SW1  
Tel: 020 7930 6844  
[www.mallgalleries.org.uk](http://www.mallgalleries.org.uk)

**Open** 14 – 25 March 2012, 10am-5pm daily (closes 3pm on final day).

Admission £2.50, Concessions £1.50 (Free to Friends of the FBA, Art Fund Members, Westminster Res-card holders and Under 16s).