

NORTHERN PRINT BIENNALE

2009 PRINT AWARDS

CALL FOR ENTRIES

The **Northern Print Biennale 2009** will be the first major project concentrating on printmaking in the UK for over 20 years. Through an extensive programme of events across NewcastleGateshead, the Biennale aims to reward and promote the very best in British and international printmaking.

The 2009 Print Awards will encourage a broad spectrum of artists to gain exposure and exhibit with other leading artists in their field. The judges confirmed this year are Stephen Chambers RA, Kip Gresham and Gill Saunders. This panel of eminent artists, printmakers and curators will select approximately fifty artists to exhibit in three major venues across Newcastle from June to October 2009. Each selected artist will exhibit at one of the following spaces: the Hatton Gallery 26 June – 15 August 2009, Laing Art Gallery 4 July – 4 October 2009 and Northern Print from 26 June – 4 October 2009.

The 2009 Print Awards is open to all British and International artists whose work, or elements of their practice, encounter print. Works in any medium will be considered and the award is not restricted to 2 or 3 dimensional work. Prizes include a £5,000 cash prize, the V&A Print Prize including website feature, Laing Art Gallery Purchase Prize and the Nexus Art on Transport Commission Prize, which includes a fee of £2,000 and expenses of up to £1,000 (www.nexus.org.uk). Sponsored by Bonhams, the 2009 Print Awards is the centrepiece of the Northern Print Biennale.

To enter artists are asked to submit the following:

- Up to 10 images or documentation of their recent work, or a series or sequence of works that encounters print; digital images (300dpi jpg per image or max 4mb) or photographs (maximum size A3)
- A supporting CV (maximum two sides of A4)
- Artist's statement (max 300 words) explaining how your practice is informed by printmaking.
- A completed entry form (www.parkerharris.co.uk/artists/downloads) and entry fee of £20 or €30 per artist.

Closing date for entries: FRIDAY 24 APRIL 2009.

Further information and entry details visit: www.parkerharris.co.uk