

IKON

Ikon Gallery, 1 Oozells Square, Brindleyplace, Birmingham B1 2HS
0121 248 0708 / www.ikon-gallery.org
Open Tuesday-Sunday, 11am-5pm / free entry

Ikon's work celebrated by Birmingham Award



Staff at Ikon Gallery receiving the award
Left to right: Sam Skillings (Head of Communications), Ina Hyde (Deputy Director), Sam Newman (Development Manager). Image courtesy of Birmingham Awards organisers.

At the Birmingham Awards ceremony held on 10 September, Ikon was presented with the Arts and Culture Award which recognises the key role it plays in bringing a sense of pride to the city. The gallery provides a unique space for contemporary art of international significance and through its extensive off-site and outreach programme is an integral part of the cultural life of Birmingham.

Ikon Deputy Director, Ian Hyde said

We are delighted to have won the award and that the people of Birmingham are proud of the work we do.

Within Birmingham and the surrounding area our team work tirelessly to offer audiences the opportunity to engage with contemporary art through exhibitions, schools projects, outreach events and off-site projects in the local community, touring exhibitions and online interaction.

As part of our core mission we support artists from the region. In the past these have included Vanley Burke, Hurvin Anderson, Gillian Wearing, John Newling, Richard Billingham and Roger Hiorns (whose work will be shown in a major survey exhibition at Ikon later this year). We have commissioned many of them to create works especially for us, including Gillian Wearing's A Real Birmingham Family which can be seen outside the Library of Birmingham.

Ikon also plays a key role in ensuring that Birmingham remains firmly on the international cultural map. We bring work by internationally acclaimed artists to the city and take part in global art events such as the Venice Biennale.

Social Media Handles:

Instagram, Twitter and Facebook: @ikongallery #IkonGallery

Note to Editors:

1. Ikon is an internationally acclaimed contemporary art venue situated in central Birmingham. Established in 1964 by a group of artists, Ikon is an educational charity and works to encourage public engagement with contemporary art through exhibiting new work in a context of debate and participation. The gallery programme features artists from around the world and a variety of media is represented, including sound, film, mixed media, photography, painting, sculpture and installation. Ikon's off-site programme develops dynamic relationships between art, artists and audiences outside the gallery. Projects vary enormously in scale, duration and location, challenging expectations of where art can be seen and by whom. Education is at the heart of Ikon's activities, stimulating public interest in and understanding of contemporary visual art. Through a variety of talks, tours, workshops and seminars, Ikon's Learning Team aims to build dynamic relationships with audiences, enabling visitors to engage with, discuss and reflect on contemporary art. www.ikon-gallery.org
2. Ikon is open Tuesday – Sunday and Bank Holiday Mondays, 11am - 5pm. Admission is free. Ikon Gallery is supported using public funding from Arts Council England and Birmingham City Council. For the latest news and events follow @ikongallery on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

3. For more information or high-res images please contact Sam Skillings or Emily Luxford at Ikon on 0121 248 0708 or email s.skillings@ikon-gallery.org or e.luxford@ikon-gallery.org
4. The Birmingham Awards are sponsored by South and City College, Pathway, Vision Print, High Line Bar and Birmingham Updates.

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