

Rowan Gallery celebrates 25 years



ROWAN Gallery was originally established 25 years ago in Drymen. But 10 years ago Kirsteen Young purchased and re-opened the gallery. After running a successful art and gift business in Drymen for eight years, Kirsteen bought premises in Helensburgh and opened Rowan Gallery number two. Having been in Helensburgh for five years, the Drymen facility was

no longer required. During Kirsteen's decade at Rowan Gallery — which stocks the work of around 40 Scottish artists — she has enjoyed promoting the best of Scottish contemporary art. Displays have included works by Pam Carter, Mary Batchelor, Joyce Borland, Ian Elliot, Laetitia Guildbaud and Garry Harper. As well as constantly introducing new and exciting artists, the gallery also prides itself on its ever

expanding gift business. A range of beautiful greeting cards, stationery and design-led gifts to suit all occasions are available. The gallery's client-base is continuing to grow and all of the staff enjoy meeting people who come to Helensburgh for the first time, chatting to repeat customers who love to come in and browse the new gifts and artwork. And this success has seen the gallery ship paintings to the four

corners of the world, with paintings from Rowan Gallery hanging in Dubai, Switzerland, USA, Canada and Australia. Having settled in to the Helensburgh community, all the staff at the Rowan Gallery appreciate the immense support they have received from both customers and fellow retailers. And now they are looking forward to many more years to come in the town.



Presenting Gerard M Burns

THE Rowan Gallery is proud to present a spectacular exhibition by Gerard M Burns.

Described as "the best and most influential contemporary artist of his time", the exhibition is a must for all art lovers. It is being held at The Corinthian Club, (Bootleg Room), in Glasgow and runs from April 19-21.

Gerard was born in Glasgow in 1961 and graduated from Glasgow School of Art in 1983 with a degree in Fine Art. Drawing and Painting have been his passion since childhood. He shared this enthusiasm throughout his teaching career, later leaving a successful post as principal of art at St Aloysius College Glasgow to pursue his painting full time.

Since 1999 this commitment has resulted in his current standing as one of Scotland's most respected artists.

Rowan Gallery has chosen to showcase Gerard's work in Glasgow — the first solo exhibition of Gerard's to take place in his home city for a few years.

The newly refurbished Corinthian Club provides the ideal setting to show these fabulous paintings.

The old Glasgow 'Savings Bank' proved a hit with Rowan Gallery — having selected to show recent works by Pam Carter back in March in the 'Bootleg Room'.

A total of 20 of Gerard's new paintings will be on display.

Gerard's growing client base varies from A-list celebrities to prominent members of business communities in the

UK, Australia, Europe and the USA who collect his work for both personal and corporate folios. His paintings, most noted for their modern day translations of traditional themes, grace homes and workplaces worldwide.

An example of this is the addition last year of his painting "The Rowan" which the Scottish First Minister hangs

proudly over his desk at the Scottish Parliament.

Working with a bold palette on a massive scale his canvases still manage to convey an almost domestic intimacy, possibly because he paints what he knows.

Relatives, friends and neighbours are all used as models and are painted in the rich dark tones which reflect his environment.

For those coming to Gerard's work for the first time it is worth taking into account that although we are presented with an image which could be described as representational, even photographic, each of the various pictorial elements also contains a deeper symbolic meaning.

Whether it is wolves prowling around the legs of a small girl, a pin-striped figure on a high wire suspended

above the city, a young woman standing at a water's edge, or a child leading a black horse through a winter wilderness, each combination is intended to provoke in us an emotional response, a sense of place, a feeling almost that we "have been here before".

In essence, that the whole becomes far greater than the sum of its parts.

It is fair to say that in terms of the choice of subject matter, and sheer strength of his technique, Burns has no peers.

He is ploughing a lone furrow straddling the world of representational painting and the world of conceptual art and the simple fact of the matter is, that with greater awareness of his talent, so his fan base grows.

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