

Jonathan Shearer



# 'Rough Bounds' - Jonathan Shearer

26th February – 13th March 2011

*Perhaps though the clouds towards the evening may break, then the torn masses of vapour, tearing in mad hunt along the ridges, will be lit up by the rays of the sun slowly descending into the western sea, and as the light flashes from the black rocks, and the shadows deepen in the corries, the superb beauty, the melancholy, the mystery of these mountains of the Isle of Mist will be revealed.*

Prof Norman Collie

The timeless elemental power of nature is expressed by these works, not shrouded in a veil of romanticism but as direct engagement by the artist with both medium and subject. The physical movement, energy and light in the landscape are inextricably linked to the artist's creative process. Dialogue created between works of varying scale illuminate our relationship with the environment and our human scale within it.

The poetry of landscape and its essential meaning to the artist is not simply landscape as geography but as land, people, history and memory. The soul's journey into the wilderness.

Georgina Coburn



River Coe, Glen Coe *oil on canvas* 79 x 100 cm



**The Road to Torridon** *oil on canvas* 50 x 76.5 cm



Low tide, Arisaig 2 *oil on canvas* 50 x 70 cm

## JONATHAN SHEARER

### EDUCATION

- 1989 - 93 Grays School of Art, Robert Gordon's University, Aberdeen  
BA(Hons) Painting & Drawing
- 1995 - 96 Cyprus College of Art, Postgraduate Dip.  
Painting & Drawing

### AWARDS

- 2005 Fundacion Valpairiso Residency, Spain
- 1995 Commendation, Aberdeen Artists Exhibition
- 1993 John Kinross Scholarship to Florence, Royal Scottish Academy  
Sir Robin Phillipson Memorial Medal, Royal Scottish Academy  
1st Prize, Grays Sketch Club Exhibition, Aberdeen Art Gallery

### SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2010 "Past & Present, A Connected Landscape", Green Gallery, Stirlingshire
- 2009 "In Wild Places" Maclean Fine Art, London  
"Atmosphere & Light", Strathearn Gallery, Crieff  
"The Isles and West Coast", Castle Gallery, Inverness
- 2008 "New paintings", Maclean Fine Art, London
- 2007 "Wild Places", Strathearn Gallery, Crieff  
"Travels in Yorkshire", Lund Gallery, Yorkshire.  
Leith Gallery, Edinburgh
- 2005 New Paintings, Scotland & Andalusia  
Patriothall Gallery, Edinburgh  
"The Sublime Wilderness", Castle Gallery, Inverness
- 2004 Castlegatehouse Gallery, Cockermonth, Cumbria
- 2003 Scottish Landscapes, Castle Gallery, Inverness
- 2002 Castlegatehouse Gallery, Cockermonth, Cumbria
- 2001 Reynolds Gallery, Edinburgh

### SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2010 Wilderness, The Ruthven Gallery, Perthshire
- 2009 Landscape - 4 contemporary Scottish landscape artists, The Meffan Gallery, Forfar
- 2008 Contemporary Scottish Landscapes, The Park Gallery, Falkirk  
"Then there were three", Strathearn Gallery
- 2007 Art London, Maclean Fine Art  
Highland Fringe (Highland 2007)  
Castle Gallery, Inverness  
Scottish Art in London, Air Gallery, London
- 2006 Scottish Charity Exhibition, Air Gallery, London  
Land & Sea, Strathearn Gallery  
Force of Nature, Leith Gallery  
Art on Paper, London
- 2005 Mountain Men, Castlegatehouse Gallery
- 2004 'Saltire', Campden Gallery  
Northern Light, Leith gallery  
Royal Scottish Academy Annual Exhibition  
Big Skies, Deep Lochs and Clear Skies, Strathearn Gallery
- 2003 Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh  
Paisley Art Institute  
Rough Bounds, Strathearn Gallery  
Curators Choice, Castlegatehouse Gallery
- 2002 Hip to be Square, Leith Gallery  
Scottish Landscapes, Strathearn Gallery
- 2001 RSW Annual Exhibition, RSA, Edinburgh  
Both Sides of the Border, Art Edinburgh  
Art on Paper, Royal College of Art

### COLLECTIONS

- British Midland Airways, Edinburgh Airport
- Cyprus College of Art
- Royal Scottish Academy
- Grays School of Art
- Royal Cornhill Hospital
- Highland Council
- Private collections in the UK, the rest of Europe, North America, Australia & Asia



**Reflection, Loch Etive** *oil on canvas* 28 x 35 cm



Loch Lomond from Boturich *oil on canvas* 100 x 170 cm



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