## ART BY OFFENDERS

SECURE PATIENTS
AND DETAINERS

Art by Offenders is an exhibition and series of events exploring crime and creativity. It asks whether the arts can lead to a better future both for offenders and for their victims.

Every exhibit has been created by a prisoner, an offender on a community sentence, a patient in a secure psychiatric hospital, an immigration detainee or a UK citizen in custody overseas. The works were all submitted to the 2010 Koestler Awards — a charitable scheme which has been rewarding artistic achievement across the penal and secure sectors for 48 years.

This annual exhibition represents the third year of an artistic collaboration between the Koestler Trust and Southbank Centre. Each year the selection of exhibits from the Koestler Awards entries is made through a unique group curating process. This year for the first time victims of crime have been invited to curate the exhibition which presents the creativity of offenders from the perspective of people deeply affected by crime.

'Coming to the exhibition is one day out of 365 when I get to feel proud of my son.'

Mother of exhibited artist

