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PRISON ART AND THE KOESTLER TRUST

We are the UK's best-known prison arts charity. We have been awarding, exhibiting and selling artworks by offenders, detainees and secure patients for over 49 years.

Our awards receive over 7,000 entries a year - inspiring offenders to take part in the arts, work for achievement and transform their lives. Our national exhibition attracts 14,000 visitors - showing the public the talent and potential of offenders and people in secure settings.

We have no endowment or capital - our work depends entirely on donations.

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OUR AIMS AS A CHARITY

- To help offenders, secure patients and detainees lead more positive lives by motivating them to participate and achieve in the arts.
- To increase public awareness and understanding of arts by offenders, secure patients & detainees.
- To be a dynamic, responsive organisation which achieves excellent quality and value for money.



prisonerfamily Do you visit a relative or friend in prison? DM us one thing to improve the visiting experience and we will publish in our Action News mag

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KoestlerTrust have an amazing time @mizogArt

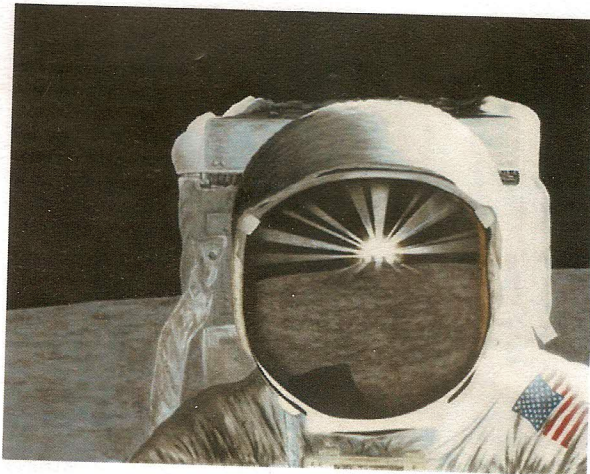
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FrankieOwensJnr off to @KoestlerTrust awards in South Bank for debut book #thelittlebookofprison with my wife and eldest little girl seeing daddy do good

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FrankieOwensJnr Big thank you to Tim Robertson and Vikki at @KoestlerTrust for

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Welcome to the Koestler Trust

2011 has been a fantastic year for the Koestler Awards, we have received:

- In total 7,656 submissions, over 2,000 more than last year
- 4891 for visual arts
- 2765 for all the other categories

Thank you so much for your submissions, we have been very impressed with the standard of the work and the curators have had a very difficult job in narrowing down the selection for the UK Exhibition and our Scotland Exhibition (see below for details).

EXHIBITIONS

ART BY OFFENDERS, SECURE PATIENTS AND DETAINEES: UK EXHIBITION OF ARTWORK SUBMITTED TO THE 2011 KOESTLER AWARDS

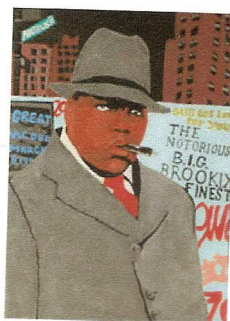
22 September - 20 November, Opening festival 21 September 1pm - 7pm
Royal Festival Hall, Southbank Centre, London
Co-curated by Magistrates

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ART BY OFFENDERS & SECURE PATIENTS: THE KOESTLER EXHIBITION FOR SCOTLAND 2011

5 - 27 November, Tramway, Glasgow
Curated by young women from HM Young Offender Institution Cornton Vale

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MENTORING

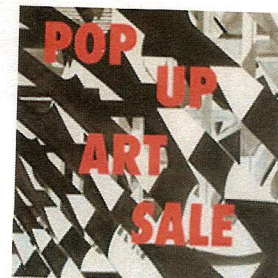
There is plenty of anecdotal evidence that offenders who have taken part successfully in the arts while in prison fully intend to carry on when they are released, but in practice fail to do so. Like many other positive habits and plans made in custody, arts activity often gets lost in the difficult transition back into life on the outside.

To address this issue we have trained a group of professional artists as mentors, then matched them to prisoners who have won Koestler awards and are due for release.

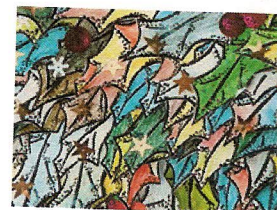
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- 2011 Poetry Selection
- NEW video on the Magistrates Curating Project
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Don't miss your chance to buy an original artwork from our Pop Up Art Shop at the Southbank. 2 - 7pm, 16 - 20 November, White Room, Spirit Level, Royal Festival Hall
[Find out more](#)

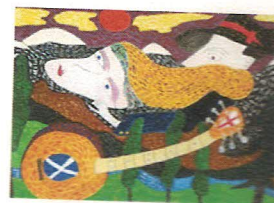


CHRISTMAS CARDS NOW ON SALE!

AWARD RESULTS ARE NOW IN!

Congratulations to all the Award winners, it's been a great year for entrants and we've had some exceptionally talented artists submitting their work.

View the [Award Results \(pdf\)](#)
More information on our [results page](#)



JOIN OUR MAILING LIST

We have just produced our first [newsletter \(pdf\)](#), to keep everyone in touch with our latest news, future plans