

SAM DRAKE

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BIOGRAPHY | In the two years since graduating from the Glasgow School of Art (BA Fine Art), Sam Drake has been awarded the RSA New Contemporaries Selected Artist Prize (2017), the Royal Glasgow Institute of the Fine Arts Exhibition Award (2016), the Richard Ford Award (2016), the Lynn Painter-Stainers Prize (2016), and in 2017 was the beneficiary of a grant from the Elizabeth Greenshields Foundation.

In rich, nocturnal tones, Drake's figures find themselves dappled in dwindling natural light. Centered on notions of mystery, memory and place, these are paintings that are frequently referential, drawing on wellsprings of historical, political, military and literary history. His works evoke the waking hours of dusk and those retiring hours bathed in moonlight; each piece, which range from the figurative to the wholly abstract, are bound together by a sense of disquieting.

Based in New York, Drake is currently pursuing an MFA at the prestigious Rhode Island School of Art and Design.

EDUCATION | **2019**
Rhode Island School of Design, *MFA Painting*

2012-2016
Glasgow School of Art, *BA (Hons) Painting and Printmaking*

AWARDS | **2019**
The RSA William Littlejohn Award

2018
Elizabeth Greenshields Foundation Second Grant Award

2017-2019
The Professor Baruch Kirschenbaum Term Scholarship
RISD Fellowship

2017
Elizabeth Greenshields Foundation Grant Award
Walter Scott Purchase Prize
RSA New Contemporaries Selected Artist

2016
Wells Art Contemporary Award, (45 Park Lane Mayfair Prize)
Royal Scottish Academy Keith Prize
The Royal Glasgow Institute Glasgow School of Art Graduate Award

2014
Richard Ford Award

**SOLO EXHIBITIONS
AND PROJECTS** | **2018**
45 Park Lane, Mayfair, London

EXHIBITIONS**2021**

Awards Exhibition, Royal Scottish Academy, Edinburgh

2019

RISD Graduate Painting Thesis Show, Monya Rowe Gallery, New York
New Contemporaries, RISD Museum Gelman Gallery, Providence, RI
Crocodile Tears, curated by Kate Mothes (yngspc), Morgan Fine Arts Building, Brooklyn, New York
Grad Selections, Sol Koffler Gallery, Providence, RI
RISD Graduate Show, Providence, RI,
Fresh Faces, Abigail Ogilvy Gallery, Boston, Massachusetts
London Art Fair 2019, Arusha Gallery, London

2018

Graduate Painting Biennial, Sol Koffler Gallery, Providence
Expectations, Field Projects Gallery, New York, New York
Oli Epp Studio Residency, The Koppel Project, London
Velvet Ropes, GIFC Norway Tour by Galleri Golsa
LA Summer, Arusha Gallery, Edinburgh
Emerging Artists 2018, Park Lane, London

2017

The Royal Glasgow Institute of The Fine Arts New Graduate Prize, Kelly Gallery, Glasgow
Arusha Gallery, Edinburgh
WAC Rewind, Bishops Palace, Wells
RSA New Contemporaries, The Mound, Royal Scottish Academy Galleries

2016

Wells Art Contemporary, Bishops Palace, Wells, Somerset
RSA Open Exhibition, Royal Scottish Academy Galleries, Edinburgh
Best of Degree Show, Six foot Gallery, Pentagon Centre, Glasgow
Glasgow School of Art Degree Show, The Tontine Building, Glasgow
Painters Gonna Paint, The Tontine Building, Glasgow
Lynn Painter-Stainers Pain, Mall Galleries, London
Royal Society of British Artists, Mall Galleries, London
Royal Society of British Artists, Rising Stars, Lloyds Register Gallery, London
W. Gordon Smith Award, Dovecot Gallery, Edinburgh

2015

Harrogate International Arts Expo, National Art Open Finalists, Harrogate
Construction and Deconstruction – Remembering Clyde Shipbuilders 1914-1918, Scottish Maritime Museum in partnership with The Glasgow School of Art and the Royal Scottish Academy of Art and Architecture, Maritime Museum, Irvine
Safe and Healthy, McClellan Galleries, Glasgow

2014

Richard Ford Award, Travel Scholarship to Museo Del Prado, Madrid

COLLECTIONS

Brown Arts Initiative Collection, Brown University, USA
Angela J Higgins, Glasgow
Walter Scott Collection, Edinburgh

PRESS

Brandeis University: Brandies Blacklist Journal Volume IV
Saatchi Art: Invest In Art 2017 Report: Emerging Artists to Buy Now
RSA New Contemporaries, 18th February-15th March 2017, The Royal Scottish Academy p 46
<https://www.saatchiart.com/invest-in-art>
<http://www.theedinburghreporter.co.uk/2017/02/rsa-new-contemporaries/> <https://www.a-n.co.uk/news/rsa-new-contemporaries-award-winners-announced>
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