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Jerwood Sculpture Prize

The Jerwood Charitable Foundation is delighted to announce a major new initiative for 2001 - Jerwood Sculpture Prize.

In a further development of the Jerwood Charitable Foundation's commitment to contemporary British sculpture, it is the aim of the Jerwood Sculpture Prize to encourage and reward emerging talent in outdoor sculpture. As an extension of the work begun in 2000 with the official opening of The Jerwood Sculpture Park at Witley Court in Worcestershire, the Jerwood Charitable Foundation will endeavour to build on the promising collection recently established and lend strong support in the future to sculpture as a medium of expression.

This national award will take the form of an annual prize of £20,000 for the commission of a piece of outdoor sculpture to be sited in the Jerwood Sculpture Park. The Prize will be given to the sculptor whose work - in the opinion of the judges - demonstrates excellence and originality in the field of sculpture.

The judging process will be in two stages. Firstly, through a nominated and open submission process, sculptors will be invited to submit drawings, photographs of recent work and a written proposal. The judging of the proposals will take place in June 2001. A maximum of 8 artists will then be commissioned to create small scale maquettes to form the short list for the Prize.

An exhibition of the maquettes will take place at the Jerwood Gallery in Union Street, London SE1, from 4 November - 2 December 2001. The prize winning sculptor will then be commissioned to execute their work at full scale. The finished piece will be unveiled at the Jerwood Sculpture Park at Witley Court in June 2002.

In accordance with the priorities of the Jerwood Charitable Foundation sculptors must be 35 years of age or under, or within 10 years of graduation from an art school. The panel of judges will include Rosemary Barnett, Director of the Frink School of Sculpture and curator of the Jerwood Sculpture Park.

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