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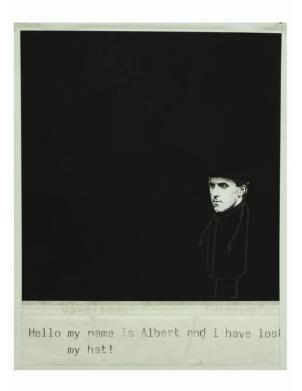


# Free Range Announces its first Art Awards

Five artists handpicked by panel of industry leaders

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The Old Truman Brewery 91 Brick Lane, London E1



Albert, Ben Raynor

Artists and photographers Ben Raynor, Chris Mear, Robert Attard, Anna Taylor and Nicola Thompson are announced winners of the 2010 Free Range Art Award.

Free Range announces the inaugural **Free Range Art Awards**, marking its 10<sup>th</sup> year in residence at the Old Truman Brewery. Out of all 2010's fantastic participants, the Award Panel of leading industry figures has carefully selected five of the UK's brightest talents as winners of the exciting award.

This year, the judging panel includes **Kathleen Soriano**, Director of Exhibitions at the Royal Academy, **Peter Tullin**, co-founder of CultureLabel.com, curator, gallerist and art writer **Justin Hammond**, **Gyr King** from King & McGaw, and **Tamsin O'Hanlon**, director and the founder of Free Range.

The winners, chosen by the notable panel, are **Ben Raynor**, **Chris Mear**, **Robert Attard**, **Anna Taylor** and **Nicola Thompson**. The diverse selection, embracing Ben Raynor's humorous mixed media drawing *Albert* alongside Anna Taylor's subtly emotive photograph *Grandad*, demonstrates Free Range at its best. The set is complimented in equal measure by Robert Attard's stunningly bold portrait, Chris Mear's colourful perspective and Nicola Thompson's atmospheric photograph.

As part of Free Range's ongoing support of new graduate artists and designers, the Free Range Award will give these best new stars in art and photography the extra lift towards launching their careers. Each selected work will be produced as a print in a limited edition of 25, giving the artists the opportunity to sell their work while at the same time gaining invaluable expert advice and PR support.

The exclusive limited edition prints of work by the five winners will be available to buy at Free Range 2010 and also online at <u>www.culturelabel.com</u> from 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

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## Free Range Art Awards Winners 2010:



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Robert Attard City of Westminster College

> Chris Mear Burton College

Ben Raynor Batley School of Art and Design Albert

Anna Taylor Barking & Dagenham College *Grandad* 

> Nicola Thompson Cleveland College White Mountain Lady

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#### The Old Truman Brewery

The Old Truman Brewery, East London's revolutionary arts and media quarter, is home to a hive of creative businesses as well as exclusively independent shops, galleries, markets, bars and restaurants. For fifteen years the Old Truman Brewery has been regenerating its ten acres of vacant and derelict buildings into spectacular office, retail, leisure and event spaces. The finely tuned mix of business and leisure has created an environment unique in London, making the Old Truman Brewery a destination in its own right.

The Old Truman Brewery has a history of supporting and facilitating artists and designers. In 2000 'Truman Brewery Special Projects' launched Free Range and Fashion East (a showcase for breaking fashion designers). This was with a view both to present the Old Truman Brewery as a major creative venue and also to provide young up and coming talent with a platform to perform on an international level. Today these Truman Brewery Special Projects have made a name for themselves and very much push themselves forward under their own momentum. For further info please visit <u>www.trumanbrewery.com</u>



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