

INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF GLASS

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The British Glass Biennale award winners are announced

The 2022 International Festival of Glass got off to a glittering start on Thursday evening, with over 700 invited guests arriving at Ruskin Glass Centre in Stourbridge for the prestigious Private View and Awards Ceremony of the British Glass Biennale. The exhibition is a much anticipated part of the Festival programme, this year displaying 128 glass works by 103 artists. Over £17k worth of awards were announced on the night.

The British Glass Biennale Award for Best in Show was awarded to Karen Browning for her piece *Miss, Spent Youth*. Karen's stunning cast glass piece, capturing the impact of a gunshot, was well received by the British Glass Biennale jury, who select the award winner.

The British Glass Biennale Awards are held in association with the Worshipful Company of Glass Sellers of London, who select their Arts & Crafts Award winners from the exhibition. Winner of the Arts & Crafts Award is Nina Casson McGarva for her piece *Yellow Lichen*. The Glass Sellers were so taken with the work on display, that this year they awarded two runner up prizes. Layne Rowe was selected for his piece *Ornithology* and Jon Lewis for *Moon Rock*.

The Glass Sellers' Student Award winner is Stephen Chadwick for his piece *The Drowning of Handcraft*, with Giles Fearon selected as runner up for *Furo*.

Other winners on the night were Sogon Kim for *Interstellar* and Juliet Forrest for *Gorgonian Paradise*, both winners of the Glass Society Best Newcomer Awards. Rachel Elliott won the Glass Society Uniting the Planet award for her piece *Maelstrom*.

Seattle-based Glass Art Society, selected Anthony Amoako Attah as the winner of their International Artists Award for his piece *Stole*.

The International Bead Biennale was launched as a sister exhibition, with the inaugural prizes going to Stéphane Olivier for *Coral*, with Astrid Riedel selected as runner up for *My View*. These awards were sponsored by Barbara Beadman, Master of the Worshipful Company of Glass Sellers.

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