

# CHAIYA ART AWARDS

Illuminating Spirituality

## 2023 AWE + WONDER EXHIBITION – ARTIST’S COMMENTS

I'd like to thank you and your team for this wonderful opportunity. I feel so very humbled to have been selected and to have been part of this diverse, thought-provoking and fabulous exhibition. It really did encapsulate Awe and Wonder, and for my painting to be hanging in this exhibition I did feel like I was in very good company! Absolutely mind blowing. Thank you.

**Trina Hart**

What a fantastic achievement is Chaiya Art Awards. The level of organisation, professionalism and sheer determination is phenomenal. Thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to be part of it this year. Over 3000 visitors! I had no idea.....when this work was first installed in St Nicholas' church in New Romney it was probably seen by about 30 people. I did a lot of work on it to make it more robust but hadn't reckoned on that level of throughput - and engagement! It was quite the learning experience and so worth it on many levels. It has renewed my faith in the value of what I do. And of course so lovely to have the endorsement of the judges as well as the wonderful encouragement from yourself and Ann.

**Maureen Jordan**

It was a real joy to be part of the exhibition.

**Francesca Diebschlag**

Thank for all your hard work in organising such a wonderful exhibition. Worth flying in from Dublin for. **Kendrick Snodin**

Feeling slightly (joyfully) tearful, so beautiful.

**Inge Du Plessis**

I have been making textile art for many years and never really known why and the reason for producing 'Christian Art'. This exhibition has helped me to understand my purpose as an artist. In the making process it connects me to the Spirit of all creativity (God) and through this God can play his part in the communication, through the creative language. **Anne Smith**

Really uplifting, fun and inspiring, thank you so much. **Deborah Sedgewick**

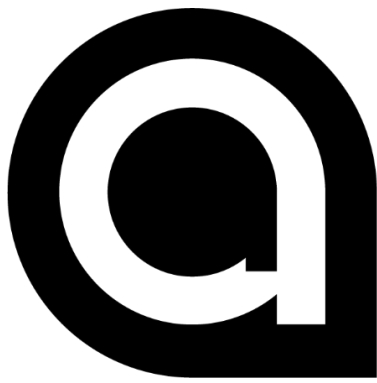
Totally awe-inspiring. My friend and I were here for hours and loved every minute of it. Pieces were profound, joyous and speaking so movingly and eloquently of the awesomeness of God. Bless you all for this wondrous exhibition.

**PM, Non-selected artist (and bought a painting)**

Absolutely lovely. And the exhibition that you have organised is a total triumph. It was brilliant seeing such wonderful work with such uplifting spirit. Huge congratulations and also massive thanks. It is a joy and honour to be part of this uplifting, ambitious and beautiful exhibition. I hold you both in such high regard for what you are doing. **Jo Fairfax**

Such an amazing show. Everyone involved put on a perfect event. **Andy Simpson**

A very impressive show. Some fabulous work. Well Done Chaiya Art Awards  
**Judith Burrows**



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Just a selection from the many, many visitor's comments

Loved the exhibition, unexpected and had real depth. MM, Borehamwood

A vivid and varied explanation of the theme – great venue. Thank you. J&M S

It touched my soul, can't explain why, but there was a feeling of transcendence and a change of consciousness. CS

An extraordinary exhibition and an amazing touching experience that overwhelmed, warmed and awed our hearts. Thank you so much, it was the highlight of our day. S&N

The diversity of these artists are epic with this theme of spirituality running through its veins. PC

Such an inspiring exhibition. Quiet places to ponder, exciting places to wonder. Thank you so much. AC, London

Loved the exhibition and ended up buying one of the artworks. Thank you! A&S

Fabulous and interactive. Evans family, Staffordshire

Amazing Art. MT, Glasgow

The exhibition is very good. The works have given me the inspiration to create. GY

A journey of moment – all uniquely beautiful. D&G A

An eye opener, I love it, thank you for the great opportunity. MM (Volunteer invigilator)

Lived up to it's name, made us really think. An eclectic, thought-provoking collection of art. R&G

Awesome Exhibition. JR

Thanks for the great art experience. Made for a special day. JC

Fascinating and diverse, a welcome and surprising experience, incredible and thought-provoking. Amazing. N from Sidcup, S from Surrey.

Totally invigorating. OP

Wonderful! A nice surprise on the way to Tate Modern. XL, Sweden.

Loved it!!! DBD, Israel.

An Awe inspiring exhibition, So pleased I saw it!! JB

Such a joy, so much to think about. LS, London

Absolutely amazing experience. The artwork and messaging was awesome and so creative. Would love to experience another show. TC

Such wonderful variety, touching hearts and mind. JL

Beautiful exhibition and lovely helpful staff.  
Thank you. E, S, G & G

A trail blazing array of inner beauty from life.  
Thank you. KL

Very impressive, very subtle, but speaks  
volumes. J

Absolutely stunning. FLV

A really enjoyable day. Everyone was so happy  
and loved the venue and the really warm  
welcome. JG, Croydon

It was really beautiful, inspiring and for me, I  
felt a real connection to our Creator God.  
Thank you for putting on this beautiful  
exhibition. AA, Southampton.

Stunning pieces of art. Gorgeous exhibition,  
made my day. AS

Phenomenal! Such a great exhibition. It  
delights the soul and inspires the mind.  
K&D C

Visually stimulating, energising and thought-  
provoking. HF

We were on our way to the Tate, and chanced  
upon this wonderful exhibition, we shan't  
bother going to the Tate! SK & TZ

Thank you for the opportunity to consider the  
topic guided by so many talented artists.  
H&G B, Dorset

Absolutely incredible, some of the pieces were  
so moving. EB

A wonderful immersive experience. KLF

Super show, so well presented. MD

Speechless. What a journey of Awe and  
Wonder indeed. Thank you. LH

Absolutely loved this exhibition. Came at the  
last minutes due to the terrible weather  
forecast. So glad for the last minute change.  
SB

Brilliant. L&D B, Peterborough

Thanks for putting on such an imaginative and  
beautiful exhibition on the most important  
theme of awesome wonder. MM

Fantastic exhibition, really thought-provoking.  
R&N, Bradford, Yorkshire

Many, many hours spent, particularly the  
immersive, interactive videos. Thanks to all the  
artists, very provocative. TH, Bournemouth

A gem of an exhibition, we stumbled across it  
serendipitously. Thank you to the all the artists  
and volunteers. M&T C

Absolutely amazing, such beautiful creativity.  
Can't wait for the next one. D&J L

An unexpected pleasure. CW, Watford

Absolutely awe inspiring! Each room brining  
things to life. JS

Really fabulous. All your senses get buzzed up  
and energised. JS

Best exhibition I've seen in this space. Such  
brilliant work. TD

Amazing! Like walking through a dream.  
Hopeful, moving and creative. VW

Vivacious, eclectic, always interesting !! SC

Beautiful exhibition – so moving. EL

Yes, loved it – the variety, what people have  
written. Positive and negative views – great  
balance. KW

Enormous variety – challenging pieces that  
make you think about spiritual things. 2<sup>nd</sup> time  
I have been – it is so good. KFS

A gorgeous array of art and emotion and  
expression. Something for everyone. I need to  
come back. AW

A wonderful experience to visit this exhibition,  
I feel so uplifted. JB

Agree with all the people I know who came –  
that this show was fantastic – extremely well  
curated and hung. Superb. SG