

MARY FEDDEN RA

New Paintings

19 June – 19 September 2007

SIR HUGH CASSON ROOM FOR FRIENDS

OF THE ROYAL ACADEMY OF ARTS

From 19 June to 19 September, the Royal Academy of Arts will be exhibiting 20 new paintings by Academician, Mary Fedden. These works celebrate Mary's pictorial world, displaying a determined, deliberate stylisation and a formal clarity that is strongly her own. Working with small figurative paintings and landscapes, Mary brings a rare mystique, a kind of friendly surreality, to her paintings. An oddly patterned gourd fraternises with an earthenware bottle and the pepper pot head of a sea pod; a dead white fish, lushly painted, with the orange firework display of an almost benevolently erupting volcano.

Now in her 92nd year, Mary Fedden was born in Bristol during World War I. She loved painting from early childhood and at twelve visited an uncle in France who was a painter and a strong influence in her life. She went to the Slade at 17 years old and finally, having had a short flirtation with the idea of being a stage designer, returned to Bristol to teach art. Since World War II, Mary became well known for her murals but it was the privacy of painting alone at the easel that really appealed, and this has been her way of working ever since. It is her still-life for which Mary has become best known and a popular artist for collectors.

The exhibition coincides with Christopher Andreae's monograph entitled *Mary Fedden: Enigmas and Variations*, published by Lund Humphries. An official launch and book signing will take place on Sunday 24 June 2007, by invitation only.

All works from this exhibition are for sale and will be available from Sunday 24 June.

DATES AND OPENING HOURS

Exhibition dates: 19 June– 19 September 2007
Opening Reception: 6 pm, 24 June 2007, invitation only
Access to Friends: 10am – 6pm daily
Public Access: The RA Friends Room is open to the public from 4–6pm daily.
Late night opening: Fridays until 10pm

Admission Free

IMAGES

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