

THE 2007 CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

The Royal Academy of Arts has launched the 2007 Christmas Collection. The festive collection includes gifts designed by well known Royal Academicians and an extensive range of new Christmas cards. Gifts include beautiful ceramics featuring the work of Dame Elizabeth Blackadder DBE RA RSA and Edward Bawden's CBE RA RDI work has been used to create a fun range of kitchen textiles. Unique collaborations between Barbara Rae RA and Gail Klevan have produced a range of jewellery whilst Zaha Hadid RA has worked with Alessi to design a unique sleek, stainless steel vase.

Merchandise Range

- Zaha Hadid RA has worked with contemporary designers Alessi to create this sleek, stainless steel vase inspired by her unique style of architecture. Vase: £125.00
- Alongside the vase, RA Merchandise have extended the architecture theme with a silvery silk satin scarf by designer Tammy Child, £85.00 and beautiful Ring Pull Bag, made from 100% recycled aluminium ring pull tabs by craftswomen of Brazilian co-operatives. Ring Pull Bag: £65.00
- A new selection of sophisticated and contemporary products feature *Poppies* by Elizabeth Blackadder RA on a beautiful blue background and include a silk scarf, mug and plate. Scarf: £45.00, Mug: £12.95, Tea Plate: £12.95.
- Edward Bawden RA's charming interpretation of *The Hare and the Tortoise* fable are the subject of this playful range of kitchen textiles and a breakfast bowl and mug. The child's apron and peg bag make a perfect Christmas gift. Peg Bag: £12.95, Child's Apron: £12.95
- As vibrant as the paintings of Barbara Rae, this unique range of jewellery, a collaboration between the Artist and jeweller Gail Klevan, is complimented by a textured silk and wool scarf by designer Shirley Pinder. Choker: £65.00, Bangle: £60.00, Earrings – pierced / clip on £55.00.
- Craigie Aitchison's popular work, *Dog in Red Painting* has been incorporated in a range of organic leather canine accessories including a dashing bandana, fleecy dog dozer and silk cushion. Dog bandana: £12.95, Dog dozer: £65.00, Silk Cushion: £60.00
- A large selection of Christmas Cards by living artists include new works by Ken Howard RA, Barbara Rae RA, Mary Fedden OBE RA and Elizabeth Blackadder. Packs of 10: £5.95 per pack (Large cards: £6.95 per pack). Traditional and Contemporary boxed selections of 24 cards are also available for £9.95

Products and brochure will be available from early September 2007 in the RA Shop, by mail-order on 0800 634 6341 or by visiting www.royalacademy.org.uk/shop

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