

Eleri Mills. Spirit of the land

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Eleri Mills, Travelling along the mountains track I (detail)

... Eleri Mills stands alone as poet painter. Eleri records her love of her native land and she records it with great sensitivity and talent: for she is a superb draughtsman and this is at the heart of all that she does. In her art Eleri Mills has a voice which is seldom heard, for it is a tender voice and far removed from the cacophony of the art world today.

(Sir Kyffin Williams RA)

Over the years, Eleri Mills has received numerous awards. Most notably she was the winner of the prestigious Sir Kyffin Williams Drawing prize in 2021, held every three years. The prize was established by the Sir Kyffin Williams Trust and Oriol Môn, and the The National Museum of Wales, in memory of Wales's most prolific and best loved artist.

Kyffin was so supportive of my work and it was he who introduced me to the Thackeray Gallery, London, and who wrote the introduction to my first solo exhibition there in 2003. Winning therefore means even more to me because of the personal connection to Kyffin.

(Eleri Mills)

Another distinguishing moment for Eleri was winning the Arts Council of Wales' Creative Wales Ambassador Award, allowing her to spend time in New York as artist in residence at Columbia University. Her trips to India was part of an Arts Council of Wales, Wales Arts International and British Council sponsored project that included a period of study in the Himalayan foothills and a residency at the Sanskriti Foundation in New Delhi.

She has also exhibited extensively in many mixed exhibitions around the world, to include: New York, Chicago, Poland, France, Budapest, Barcelona, Madrid, Japan, London and her native Wales. Eleri's work can be seen in many Private, Public and Corporate Collections, including the National Museum of Scotland and Manchester's Whitworth Art Gallery.