

PRESS RELEASE

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WESLEY-BARRELL Craft Awards

WESLEY-BARRELL ANNOUNCE CRAFT AWARDS SHORT LIST

Now established in the craft calendar the third Wesley-Barrell Craft Awards attracted over 250 entries competing in the two categories of Furniture and Vessels for Interiors. The judging panel met last week and after much deliberation Wesley-Barrell is delighted to announce the shortlist.

Oxfordshire will have a preview of the chosen pieces to be showcased as part of a national touring exhibition. The tour starts at the newly rebuilt and refurbished Wesley-Barrell showroom in their home town of Witney as part of a programme of events designed to mark the opening. Pieces will be available to view at the Wesley-Barrell showroom from Thursday 5th May.

Wesley-Barrell is delighted that the showcase will then travel to one of Britain's most inspirational showcases of creative talent – Art in Action taking place from 21st – 24th July at Waterperry House, Oxfordshire – where the winners will be announced.

SHORTLISTED PIECES IN THE FURNITURE CATEGORY



Alun Heslop – Nimm Rae



David Gates – Dressing stand



Katie Walker – 'Windsor' rocker



Simon Yates - Grace

SHORTLISTED PIECES IN THE VESSELS FOR INTERIORS CATEGORY



Ben Murdock – Parian box with keys & wires



Study O Portable - Fuzz



Esther Lord
Folded pouring vessel



Steven Follen
Coiled metal vessels



Helen Carnac
Each Other



James & Tilla Waters – Group of lidded jars

Juliette Barrell, Marketing Director at Wesley-Barrell explains the rationale behind the Awards – 'Wesley-Barrell is one of few companies left in Britain that use traditional craft skills to create beautiful furniture for modern living - The Awards are designed to put British craftsmanship in the spotlight and highlight the wealth of creative talent we have here in the UK.'

Note to Editors; The judging panel was **Jon Snow** – Newscaster, Channel 4 News, **Katrina Burroughs** – Columnist for the Sunday Times, **Peter Ting** – Ceramicist, **Alastair Graham** – Furniture consultant, **Helen Chislett** – Journalist and **Juliette Barrell** – from Wesley-Barrell.

Interviews with individual makers can be arranged and for more information please contact Ali Griffiths or Nicky Dunstan in the Wesley-Barrell Press Office on 01993 893108 or alison.griffiths@wesley-barrell.co.uk