



**AIB announces winner of 'The AIB Prize' for 2002**  
**10th April 2002**

At a reception in The RHA Gallagher Gallery, Dublin this evening, AIB's Group Chief Executive, Michael Buckley, announced that Katie Holten is the winner of this year's AIB Prize - An Annual Award for Artists of Promise.

Katie, who was born in Dublin in 1975, was nominated by the Butler Gallery, Kilkenny. She studied in the National College of Art & Design, Dublin. Katie's work uses diverse media that incorporates installation, sculpture, video and sound. Her installations try to heighten our awareness of place and situation and are concerned with how people make sense of and cope with their environment. Katie wins a prize of €20,000 to cover the publication of a catalogue, a contribution towards the costs of an exhibition in the Butler Gallery and an award to the artist to facilitate production of new work for the exhibition.

The three runners-up, who each received an award of €1,500 were:-

Carmel Cleary Garter Lane Arts Centre, Waterford

Eva Rothschild Project, Dublin

Jim Vaughan Model Arts and Niland Gallery, Dublin

In his address, Michael Buckley said, AIB is proud to have been committed to Irish art over the last 20 years. Now, with The AIB Prize, we hope to further develop that commitment by helping to launch the careers of important Irish artists of the future, who are at the beginning of their creative lives. Mr. Buckley went on to pay tribute to the adjudicators, commenting that the quality of entries was particularly high, making the choosing of an overall winner extremely difficult.

For more information, please contact:

Trevor McEvoy  
Group Press Officer  
AIB Group  
Bankcentre  
Ballsbridge  
Dublin 4  
Tel: 01 641 4651

Maureen Porteous  
Art Administrator  
AIB Group  
Bankcentre  
Ballsbridge  
Dublin 4  
Tel: 01 641 4659