



Royal Society of  
**SCULPTORS**

Gilbert  
Bayes

**AWARD**

For early career **sculptors**

The Gilbert Bayes Award (GBA), presented by the Royal Society of Sculptors, champions exceptional early-career artists whose work pushes boundaries,

sparks conversation, and shapes the future of contemporary sculpture.



Applications for the 2027 programme are expected to open in September 2026. Follow the links in this document to connect with us and sign up to find out when the invitation for applications is active.

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Each year, a select group of outstanding sculptors are chosen by leading artists, curators, and industry professionals to receive unparalleled professional support, mentorship, and national exposure.



The award is open internationally to artists of any age or background working across all sculptural disciplines - including installation, conceptual practice, performance, moving image, site-specific work, digital media, and traditional sculpture.

Recipients become part of an esteemed society of artists through their membership with the Royal Society of Sculptors - gaining access to a respected creative network, exclusive opportunities, professional resources, and a lasting community of peers.

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Award recipients receive:

- A year-long professional development programme
- Mentorship and talks from major voices in galleries, collections, and arts organisations
- 1 year of free membership to the Royal Society of Sculptors
- 2 years of half price membership to the Royal Society of Sculptors
- Inclusion in a professional group exhibition
- Access to exclusive member opportunities and artist networks



The award can act as a vital bridge between study and a sustainable professional career, offering emerging sculptors the support, visibility, and industry connections needed to take their practice to the next level.

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