

RICHARD GREEN

KEN HOWARD OBE RA

London 1932 - 2022 Cornwall

Ref: CD 206

Florence at Oriel



Signed lower right: *Ken Howard*

Oil on canvas: 72 x 60 in / 182.9 x 152.4 cm

Frame size: 82 x 70 in / 208.3 x 177.8 cm

Painted in 2005

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Provenance:

Richard Green, London, directly from the artist, July 2005;
private collection, New South Wales

Exhibited:

London, Royal Academy of Arts, *Summer Exhibition*, 7th June-15th August 2005, no.785

‘If I had to paint one subject all my life it would be my studio at Oriel. Every year each season is different. So is every week, day, hour, even each minute. It never repeats itself or bores me – it is continually fascinating.’¹

Ken Howard’s London studio at South Bolton Gardens was originally owned by the Edwardian artist Sir William Orpen (1878-1931), who named it Oriel after the house in which he was born. Ken purchased the neighbouring property and restored the space, which he wrote was, ‘perpetually bathed in a cool north light, ideal for a figure painter who needs a consistent even light. The sun enters the room only late on summer evenings, in contrast to the brilliant, almost Mediterranean light that floods St Clement’s Studio in Cornwall.’²

Biographical chronology

1932	Ken Howard born in London
1949-1953	Studied at the Hornsey School of Art
1952	First exhibited at the Royal Academy
1953-55	National Service in the Royal Marines
1955-58	Studied at the Royal College of Art
1958-59	British Council Scholarship to Florence
1959	First exhibited at the New English Art Club First exhibited at 147 New Bond Street
1962	Elected member of the New English Art Club
1966	Elected member of the Royal Institute of Oil Painters First prize Lord Mayor’s Art Award
1969	First prize Arundel Art Centre
1973	Appointed official artist in Ireland by the Imperial War Museum
1978	Prize winner John Moores Exhibition
1979	Elected member of the Royal Society of Painters in Watercolours Prize winner John Laing Exhibition
1981	Elected member of the Royal West of England Academy
1982	First prize Hunting Group Awards
1983	Associate Member of the Royal Academy Prize winner Royal West of England Academy
1985	Critics’ prize, Sparkasse Karlsruhe

¹ Ken Howard, *Light and Dark: The Autobiography of Ken Howard*, Royal Academy Publications, London 2011, p.260.

² Ken Howard with Sally Bulgin, *Inspired by Light: A Personal View*, David & Charles, Devon 1998 (reprinted 2008), p.114.

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1986	Prize winner New English Art Club Centenary Exhibition
1988	Honorary Member of the Royal Society of British Artists Honorary Member of the Royal Institute of Oil Painters
1991	Member of the Royal Academy
1998	President of the New English Art Club
2001	Critics' prize New English Art Club 2001
2004	Elected Royal Academy Professor of Perspective
2006	Elected fellow of the Royal Institute of Oil Painters
2007	Appointed Freeman of the City of London, Liveryman Painter Stainers
2008	Honorary Member of the Society of Graphic Fine Art
2010	Awarded OBE for services to Art in the Queen's Birthday Honours
2011	Publication of <i>Light and Dark: The Autobiography of Ken Howard RA</i>
2013	Publication of <i>Ken Howard's Switzerland: In the Footsteps of Turner</i>

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Royal Academy of Arts, London
Plymouth City Art Gallery
Sheffield Art Gallery
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Guildhall Art Gallery, London
Ulster Museum and Art Gallery
The Imperial War Museum, London
The National Army Museum, London

One Man Exhibitions

1955	Plymouth Art Centre
1966	John Whibley Gallery, London
1968	John Whibley Gallery, London
1971	New Grafton Gallery, London
1972	Plymouth Art Gallery – Retrospective Exhibition

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1974	New Grafton Gallery, London
1976	New Grafton Gallery, London
1978	New Grafton Gallery, London
1979	New Metropole, Folkestone Hong Kong Art Centre St Helier Gallery
1980	St Helier Gallery
1981	New Grafton Gallery, London
1982	Nicosia
1983	Delhi 1983
1984	New Grafton Gallery, London St Helier Gallery
1985	New Grafton Gallery, London
1986	Linton Court Gallery
1987	Lowndes Lodge Gallery, London New Grafton Gallery, London
1989	Lowndes Lodge Gallery, London
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1997	New Grafton Gallery, London
1998	The Everard Read, Johannesburg
2000	New Grafton Gallery, London The Everard Read Gallery, Cape Town
2002	Richard Green, London
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