

## **18 THE McMANUS GALLERIES PURCHASE PRIZE, RSW EXHIBITION (AN148-2003)**

This is the second year that the annual RSW exhibition has been hosted at McManus Galleries. The 23rd Annual Exhibition of the Royal Scottish Society of Painters in Watercolour was held at the McManus Galleries from 2nd February until 16th March 2003.

By arrangement with the RSW a special purchase prize was offered, whereby the Galleries bought a painting of their choice from the exhibition.

This year's new acquisition is "Evening Haven" by Chris Bushe, RSW. A dark and glowing painting, it is characterised by intense, saturated colours. The Artist was born at Aberfeldy in 1958; graduated from Grays School of Art, Aberdeen in 1984; and is currently a full-time painter.

The purchase, which has received 50% grant aid from the National Collections Fund, is in line with the Museum's policy of acquiring high quality examples of Contemporary Scottish Art. The net cost of the painting was £1,000, which is entirely offset by income from the exhibition sales.