

PRESS RELEASE

London artist Gary Drostle making it BIG in the USA

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The annual award ceremony of TileLetter the journal of the largest Tiling association in the United States, the National Tile Contractors Association, will feature an English artist this year.

London artist Gary Drostle has scooped the top award in the Commercial Mosaic category. The award ceremony will take place in Las Vegas on 16th March at the huge Coverings trade show there. The award is being presented for his 50 foot long mosaic floor 'The River Of Life' which was commissioned by The University of Iowa for their new health and wellbeing centre.



This giant mosaic has been getting a lot of attention across the US.

The work has also been selected for the prestigious 'Mosaic Arts International' exhibition, this year being held in Austin, Texas. Gary's mosaic was selected for this exhibition for hundreds of entries around the world. Gary is the only European in the exhibition which runs until March 30th at EMMA S. BARRIENTOS MEXICAN AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER in Austin, Texas.

Speaking about the mosaic from his studio in Woolwich, south east London artist Gary Drostle said "I was inspired for the mosaic design after visiting Iowa to discuss the project concept with the University. I knew this was the best mosaic I have created in over twenty years as a professional public artist, however I just didn't expect the fabulous response to the work across the USA. It recently featured prominently in the beautiful 'Mosaic Art Now' magazine 2011 and has been extensively talked about on various internet and blog sites. People seem to have just clicked with the work, which is wonderful."

Gary has now been approached to create an even bigger mosaic floor for a hospital in California and is planning further works and lecturing in the US.

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