



RICHARD KENNEDY
Bursary Award Winner
Competition Winner



The Worshipful Company of Turners

Supporting the Craft, City and
Charity for over four hundred years

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Our Livery Company and the City of London

The Turners' Company is one of the City of London's oldest livery companies. It began as a medieval guild of craftsmen in the 12th century, producing items such as wooden bowls and cups using simple treadle lathes.

The Company that brought you the pint!

Some 200 years later, Edward III decreed that 'wooden measures, as well for wine as for ale' should be made only by 'turnours' with marks of their own, and the turners established the English 'pint' as an official measure. In 1604 the guild was granted a Royal Charter by King James I and became the Worshipful Company of Turners.

CITY OF LONDON

Every year Liverymen are invited to the election of Sheriffs and the Lord Mayor and support City fund-raising events. These include the Lord Mayor's Big Curry Lunch and the British Red Cross Christmas market in Guildhall. Our Wizardry in Wood exhibitions showcase the craft to the City, particularly during a reception for Masters of livery companies and members of the City Corporation.



DAVID BATCHELOR (MASTER 2018/19) PRESENTS A GIFT TO THE DUKE OF SUSSEX AT THE BIG CURRY LUNCH

MUSIC

Woodwind instruments have been made using lathes since medieval times. In the Baroque period, several Masters of the Turners' Company were leading woodwind makers.

Celebrating this long relationship, in 2018 members of the Company and its Charity funded a Consort of eight medieval-style recorders.

Made by UK maker Tim Cranmore, the Turners' Consort is used by the Guildhall School of Music & Drama in teaching and is played by students in public performances and outreach education.

Supporting the Craft

The Turners' Company is closely involved with the craft of lathe turning, through its membership, support of craft organisations and training, events and exhibitions.

The Company and Charity provide funding and support to woodturners across the full spectrum of skills and ages; from short courses for young people to the Register of Professional Turners.

Our long-term support programmes provides equipment and expertise to organisations working with adults with special needs and the rehabilitation of members of the armed forces.

EARLY EXPERIENCE

The Youth Training Programme is targeted at teenagers: from one-day 'have a go' experiences, to longer development courses organised with the Association of Woodturners of Great Britain. Our funding also helps the AWGB develop events and programmes for young people.

We work with schools to provide lathes, train teachers and assistance from experienced woodturners. Special needs schools are provided with specialist equipment and support.

SKILLS & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Biennial Bursary Awards help talented woodturners develop their own skills and style and progress to a higher quality of work. Most of the awards provide one-to-one training with leading UK and international woodturners.

IAN MALPAS
Competition Winner
Certificate Holder





↑ AWGB YOUTH TRAINING
 ⇄ MIRIAM JONES
 Bursary Award Winner
 ⇄ DARREN APPIAGYEI
 Cockpit Arts Award Winner



Supporting turners along their journey...

Cockpit Arts in London is a social enterprise, business incubator and creative hub for craftspeople, the only one of its kind in the UK.

We provide year-long sponsorships for woodturners with notable potential to develop their craft and careers. The package includes equipment, workspace, business and professional training.

The Queen Elizabeth Scholarship Trust Turners' Company Award enables an established woodturner to further their skills and take their career to the next level. The comprehensive development programme is run by QEST, a charity of the Royal Warrant Holders Association.

QUALIFICATIONS & AWARDS

Since its launch in 2013, over 150 amateur woodturners have been awarded the Company's skills based **Certificate in Turning**.

The Turners' Company has recently launched the more demanding **Diploma in Turning**.

We give special recognition to world-class woodturners who have made an outstanding contribution to the development of the craft in the course of their careers through our **Master in Turning Awards**.

Building Crafts College Awards are sponsored each year by the Turners' Company. They are presented to students who have demonstrated a particular talent for woodturning during their time at the College, located in East London.



STUART MORTIMER RPT
 Liveryman & Master in Turning

COMPETITIONS & EXHIBITIONS

The Turners' Company woodturning competitions are held every two years. The wide range of entries demonstrate the extraordinary skills and creativity of amateur and professional woodturners.

The Turners' Company Wizardry in Wood exhibition is held every four years and plays a major role in promoting outstanding woodturning and introducing turners to a wider public.

REGISTER OF PROFESSIONAL TURNERS

The RPT is supported by the Turners' Company and provides a forum for professional UK woodturners to work together and promote their skills and products. → www.registerofprofessionalturners.co.uk



ELEANOR LAKELIN
 Cockpit Arts Award Winner &
 QEST Scholar

ARMED FORCES

The Turners' Company has supported the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers since the Corps was founded in 1942. An annual REME battalion prize is awarded by the Company. Support is also given to HMS Sultan, the home of the Defence School of Marine Engineering, and the RAF School of Technical Training at St Athan.



ST PAUL'S BELLS APPEAL

CHARITY

The Turners' Company Charity provides extensive financial support for the development of the craft and skills of individual turners. It also donates to charities associated with the Armed Forces and the City of London.

The Charity and members of the Company played a leading role in raising funds for the refurbishment of the twelve bells of St Paul's Cathedral.

Membership and Events



COMPANY LIVERY DINNER

An atmosphere of conviviality and friendship

Members are drawn from a wide variety of professions, trades and crafts. Benefits include being part of the City of London and a livery company with a long history; close involvement with a vibrant and modern craft; and mutual support and friendship through volunteering and our many social activities.

Highlights include the annual Livery Dinner at Christmas and the Richard Gardner Williams Banquet.

To learn more about becoming a member of the Turners' Company please contact the Clerk:

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