

# JAMES

GLASGOW  
INTERNATIONAL  
Festival of Contemporary Art

# GLADWELL



Project Ability is pleased to present James Gladwell from Barrington Farm

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## Exhibition Dates

5 June - 18 July

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For Glasgow International 2026, Project Ability presents James Gladwell's cross-stitched embroideries, which vary in scale and feature intricate, colourful images drawn from James's life and experiences. A selection of the artists' drawings on paper are also on display.

Born into a Romany Gypsy family in 1950s Essex, James was taught how to sew by his grandmother. He left his family at nine years old and spent his early life on the road or running away from various homes and authorities. Aged 13, James spent time at a training centre in Essex where his sewing abilities developed further. In 1981 James found Barrington Farm in Norfolk, where his artistic talents flourished, and exhibition opportunities began to arise.

In 2013 James won the Norwich Assembly House Art Show prize and the Outside In Award as part of Radical Craft: Alternative Ways of Making (2016). This led to The Dreams (2017), a solo show at Pallant House Gallery in Chichester. He also won the Brown&Co prize at Inheritance: Norwich Castle Open Art Show in 2018, and two of his stitched works were purchased by the Norfolk Museums Service Costume and Textile Collection in 2019. In 2024 James was invited to be part of Kaleidoscopic Realms at Nottingham Castle Museum & Art Gallery.

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EMBROIDERY



1. 'The Farm'  
c. 2016  
thread on cotton  
£2000 framed



2. 'Spiders'  
c. 2020  
thread on cotton  
£270



3. 'Mermaid'  
2021  
thread on cotton  
£250



4. 'Skeleton Singing'  
2023  
thread on cotton  
£250



5. 'A Clown Going Up The  
Ladder From The Circus'  
c. 2016  
thread on cotton  
£270



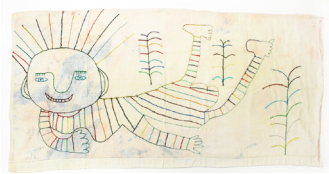
6. 'The Three Churches'  
c. 2024  
thread on cotton  
£270



8. 'Untitled (Three Houses)'  
2024  
thread on cotton  
£300



7. 'Fye Bridge Street,  
Norwich'  
2025  
thread on cotton  
£320



### 9. 'Cherub''

c. 2016

thread on cotton, paint on  
back layer

£300



### 10. 'Boats with Two Cats'

2021

thread on cotton

£200



### 11. 'Trees with the Birds'

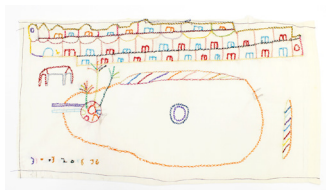
2022

gold and silver thread,  
and pencil on paper

£190 framed



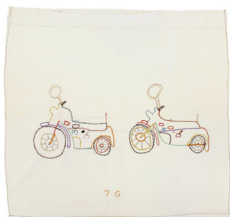
12. 'Castles'  
2025  
thread on polycotton  
£270



13. 'Untitled (Holiday with  
Patsy)'  
c. 2022  
thread on cotton  
Not for sale



14. 'Dragons'  
2021  
thread on cotton  
£320



15. 'Motorbikes (after Manuel Bonifacio)'

c. 2022

thread on cotton

£225

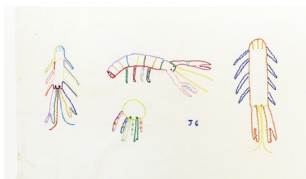


16. 'Untitled (Snake Lady)'

c. 2022

thread on cotton

£225



17. 'Sea Creatures (Lobster, Crab, Shrimp)'

c. 2022

thread on cotton

£250



18. 'Finland'

2020

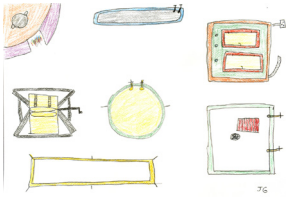
thread on cotton

£270





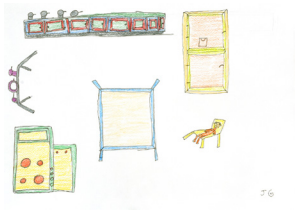
22. 'Untitled (Three Houses)'  
c. 2022  
pen and coloured pencil on  
paper  
£275 framed



23. 'Untitled (Laundry)'  
c. 2022  
pen and coloured pencil on  
paper  
£210 framed



24. 'Untitled (Lounge)'  
c. 2022  
pen and coloured pencil on  
paper  
£210 framed



25. 'Untitled (Kitchen)'  
c. 2022  
pen and coloured pencil on  
paper  
£210 framed

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