

Morley, Harry 1881 - 1943



Harry Morley was born in Leicester, England on 5 April 1881 and studied architecture at Leicester School of Art. In 1901 he began training in the London office of the architect Arthur Beresford Pite (1861-1934). He then continued his architectural studies at the Royal College of Art in London. In 1905 [or 1904 - sources differ] he was awarded scholarships from the RCA and the Royal Institute of British Architects which enabled him to attend the Académie Julian in Paris and to travel though Italy and France.

Following his return to England, Morley appears to have abandoned thoughts of practising as an architect, and embarked on a career as a painter, illustrator, and (from 1928) engraver.

From the early 1900s onwards Morley exhibited extensively, including at Agnew & Sons Gallery, Beaux Arts Gallery, Colnaghi & Co. Galleries, Chenil Gallery, Fine Art Society, Goupil Gallery, International Society of Sculptor, Painters and Gravers, New English Art Club, Royal Society of Painter-Etchers and Engravers, Royal Institute of Painters in Water Colours, Royal Institute of Oil Painters, Royal Academy, Royal Society of Painters in Water Colours, and Arthur Tooth & Sons Gallery in London; the Walker Art Gallery in Liverpool; Manchester City Art Gallery; Royal Glasgow Institute of the Fine Arts; Royal Scottish Academy in Edinburgh; Royal Hibernian Academy in Dublin; and elsewhere.

He was elected an Associate of the Royal Academy of British Artists (A.R.B.A.) in 1923; a member of the Royal Academy of British Artists (R.B.A.) in 1924; an

Associate of the Royal Society of Painters in Water Colours (A.R.W.S.) in 1927; an Associate of the Royal Society of Painter-Etchers and Engravers (A.R.E.) in 1929; a member of the Royal Society of Painters in Water Colours (R.W.S.) in 1931; and an Associate of the Royal Academy (A.R.A) in 1936. Between 1937 and 1941 he was Vice President of the Royal Society of Painters in Water Colours (V.P.R.W.S.) Morley was also elected to the Art Workers Guild in 1921 and was Master of the Guild in 1936.

Among books he illustrated were 'A Wanderer in Florence' by E.V. Lucas (London: Methuen, 1912); 'The Charm of Edinburgh. An Anthology', compiled by Alfred H. Hyatt (London: Chatto & Windus, 1913); 'The Charm of Paris. An Anthology', compiled by Alfred H. Hyatt (London: Chatto & Windus, 1913); 'Cambridge from Within' by Charles Tennyson (London: Chatto & Windus, 1913); 'A Wanderer in Florence' by E.V. Lucas (London: Methuen, 1914); 'A Wanderer in Rome' by E.V. Lucas (London: Methuen, 1926); 'Cities in Sicily' by Edward Sutton (London: Methuen, 1926)

His address was given as 29 Melton Road, Leicester in 1891; 3 Wharton Road, Hammersmith in 1901; Branting Hill, Groby, near Leicester in 1911; and 4 Pembroke Road, Kensington, Middlesex [now London] in 1939. He died in Kensington, Middlesex [now London] on 18 September 1943.

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Works

An exhibition of works by Harry Morley, 1881-1943, painter of classical compositions, illustrator and engraver. London: Julian Hartnoll's Gallery, 1982

Castle, Beryl and Baron, Julia. Harry Morley ARA : painter, etcher, engraver, 1881-1943: a biographical note. Leicester, England: Leicestershire Museums, Art Galleries and Records Service, 1981

Exhibition of paintings, engravings & etchings by Harry Morley. London: Leighton House, 1977

Exhibition of paintings in tempera and water-colours by Harry Morley. London: Beaux Arts Gallery, 1934

Exhibition of paintings and drawings in water colours by Harry Morley. London: Beaux Arts Gallery, 1927

Exhibition of paintings, engravings & etchings by Harry Morley, A.R.A. 1881-1943. An appreciation by Vivian Pitchforth. Birmingham, England: Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery, 1977

An exhibition of works by Harry Morley 1881-1943 painter of classical compositions, illustrator and engraver. London: Hartnoll & Eyre Ltd., 1982

Memorial exhibition of watercolours by the late Harry Morley, A.R.A., R.W.S. London: Fine Art Society, 1944

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- Liss Llewellyn Fine Art <https://lissllewellyn.com/artists/harry-morley/>
- British Council <http://visualarts.britishcouncil.org/collection/artists/morley-harry-1881>
- Artnet <http://www.artnet.com/artists/harry-morley/>
- Art Institute of Chicago <https://www.artic.edu/artists/17731/harry-morley>