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**ARTIST OF THE YEAR TO OPEN NEW GALLERY FOR
ART RETAILER OF THE YEAR**

Acclaimed landscape painter Lawrence Coulson will officially open the new Castle Galleries store at The Mall at Cribbs Causeway tomorrow evening, Friday 12th March with an exhibition of new paintings.

The new gallery is located in The Mall's Food Court. It is Castle Galleries' most ambitious store design to date, featuring state of the art lighting and a unique layout.

Lawrence won Best Up and Coming New Artist in 2002 and Artist of the Year in 2003. The son of famous painter Gerald Coulson, Lawrence failed his art O level at school so worked in a hardware store for 10 years thinking he wasn't good enough to be a professional artist.

Castle Galleries specialises in limited edition and original art from the country's most collectable artists including Rolf Harris and Mackenzie Thorpe. Castle Galleries won Art Retailer of the Year 2003.

Gallery assistant manager Christine Dadd said: "Our new gallery is an impressive new circular space where we can display work in a unique and contemporary way. Without the confines of walls, the gallery has a light, spacious and relaxing atmosphere and we are sure customers will enjoy coming upstairs to view our collections."

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