



Will Evans

A Biography

Will Evans (1888-1957) - A painter, designer and printmaker who was born and died in Swansea, South Wales. Evans was born in Waun Wen, Swansea. After leaving school at 14 he became an apprentice tinsplate printer at South Wales Canister's works.

He eventually became their chief designer and in 1910 started attending part-time lessons at Swansea School of Art. Evans began exhibiting his work whilst still a student and in 1911 his painting 'Welsh Castle' won first prize at the National Eisteddfod held in Carmarthen.

By the 1920's his work was gaining recognition outside of Wales. He became a lecturer in painting at Swansea School of Art and was elected as Associate of the Royal Cambrian Academy of Art in 1936. Evans is most famous for his paintings of war-ravaged Swansea after the 3-Day Blitz.

Often referred to as one of the 'Sons of Gwalia', he died in Mount Pleasant Hospital, Swansea in 1957 aged seventy-nine.