



ASHURST EMERGING ARTIST PRIZE 2018 WINNERS ANNOUNCED

International law firm Ashurst and Oaktree & Tiger are pleased to announce the winners of the Ashurst Emerging Artist Prize 2018.

The Prize has been hugely successful in its fourth year receiving 4,121 artworks submitted by 1,759 artists, from around the world including artists from Israel, China, Turkey, Germany, Ghana, Poland, America, Argentina and the UK.

David Anfam and Anthony Fawcett joined this year's panel of renowned art experts to select 25 shortlisted artworks for the prize, these included works across a variety of mediums including sculpture, digital, painting, photography and other art forms.

The winning artist, Stephen Doyle, is an Irish artist based in Cork, whose submission 'Man and Subject' is a discussion on how queer men are redefining male culture. The piece directly asks the viewer to consider which figure they deem to be 'the man'. Stephen will receive £3,000 and an exhibition in the Emerging Artists Gallery in Ashurst's London office between July and September.

The Sculpture Prize, with a £1,000 award and solo exhibition, goes to British artist Lauren Wilson, who's winning work is a dissection of a meeting she had with a fortune teller at Ridley Road Market in Dalston, London.

The Ashurst Employee Choice Award, which invited Ashurst employees from across the firm's international network of offices to vote on their favourite artwork, goes to Andy Farr. Andy was selected for his self portrait and exploration of moving from painting from a third person to a first-person perspective. Andy will receive the £1,500 cash prize and a show.

This year the Ashurst Emerging Artist Prize saw the return of the East London Award in collaboration with independent arts organisation Rich Mix. This award is open to artists who are based in or influenced by East London, with a £500 award and solo exhibition this June in their Lower Gallery at Rich Mix. This goes to Brazilian artist Goia Mujalli, whose winning painting takes influence from the rhythm, colours and vibrancy of the streets of East London and explores ideas of cultural and geographic identity through painting.

Highly commended mentions go to Ghanaian artist Annie-Maria Akussah, who explores recurring themes of identity, belonging and the authenticity of identification documents; Turkish artist Mustafa Bogo, who is interested in the role of contemporary art in our wider society; and Spanish artist Juan Antonio Cerezuela Zaplana, whose work deals with how identity is built through different media and contexts.

The prize is also supported by the UK's leading independent art supplies retailer, Cass Art, who are giving a £500 gift voucher to the winner of the Ashurst Emerging Artist Prize to spend on art supplies, and £250 gift voucher for both the Sculpture Prize and Employee Choice Award.

Prize Director, Conrad Carvalho (Oaktree & Tiger), commented:

"We continue to work on sharing educational content and give talks, hosted by Ashurst, to help all artists create better submissions for any opportunity, not just for our prize. This has had a clear effect on the calibre of entries we've received this year and has greatly helped the judges to select our Winners, who not only present a promising & exciting art practice but also act as a role model to our wider Artist Community."

Ashurst's chairman, Ben Tidswell, commented:

"This year's Ashurst Emerging Artist Prize was outstanding and we congratulate the winners and all the entrants on their inspiring range of artworks. We look forward to following their developing careers, and wish them and each of our shortlisted entrants all the success for the future."



Stephen Doyle



Lauren Wilson



Andy Farr



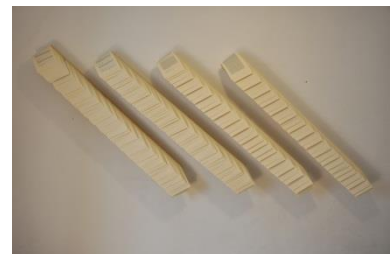
Goia Mujalli



Mustafa Boga



Annie-Marie Akussah



Juan Antonio Cerezuela Zaplana

For further details of the Prize, to be invited to the private view event or to arrange a viewing, please visit www.artprize.co.uk.

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