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## **Ashurst Emerging Artist Prize 2016**



International law firm Ashurst announces the launch of the second annual Ashurst Emerging Artist Prize, a major global prize for emerging artists. This year also sees the introduction of a prize for sculpture entries.

The winner, selected by a judging panel of eminent art experts, collectors and artists, will receive a £3,000 cash prize and a solo exhibition in the Ashurst Emerging Artist Gallery in London, with the winner of the sculpture prize receiving a £1,000 cash award and also a solo exhibition of their collection. There is also the Employee Choice Award of £1,500, chosen by Ashurst Employees.

The prize is 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.

Last year the prize received over 600 entries from over 250 artists from Europe, South America, Iran, China, South Africa, and North and Central America, working across a range of media including sculpture, digital, painting, photography, lithograph printing and oil painting. A number of artists have since secured first time sales as a direct result of the initiative.

Open to artists anywhere in the world, entries are accepted from a range of media including painting, photography, mixed media and sculpture. The deadline for entries is 14 February 2016, with a shortlist to be announced in March 2016, and final winners announced in June 2016.

Commenting on the Art Prize, Ashurst's Chief Marketing Officer, Lisa Worley, said:

"We are incredibly proud of the success the Ashurst Emerging Artist Prize has achieved so far and this year we are delighted to be extending the programme to include an additional prize for sculpture. It is our hope that through these important prizes and our ongoing Emerging Artists programme, Ashurst can continue to help raise awareness of the exceptional calibre of work from emerging artists around the world."

Conrad Carvalho, Panel Chairman and Gallery Director at Oaktree & Tiger, with whom Ashurst is running the prize, said:

"Following the huge success we had with the first year of the prize, I'm proud to be launching the prize for 2016. I'm also very grateful to be able to expand on the awards being offered thanks to the generosity of Ashurst. While giving a boost to the careers of the winners, this year we can benefit many more of the entrants through promoting their artwork entries to our growing audience as well as build on the opportunities that some entrants were introduced to at our informative talk events and in our marketing campaigns."

Full information about how to enter, including entry forms and rules, can be found online at [www.artprize.co.uk](http://www.artprize.co.uk).

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