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Launch of Ashurst Emerging Artist Prize 2015 - call for entries open



International law firm Ashurst and Oaktree & Tiger gallery is pleased to announce the launch of a new prize for emerging artists in the UK.

The winner, to be selected by a judging panel made up of a variety of art experts including collection directors, critics, lecturers and artists, will receive £3,000 and a solo exhibition in the Ashurst Emerging Artist Gallery.

The prize builds on the success of the Ashurst Emerging Artist initiative, launched in November 2013 to support and mentor up and coming artists and provide them with a platform to showcase their work. The last 12 months have seen a variety of artists working across different mediums successfully exhibit in the Emerging Artist Gallery at the firms London gaining exposure to a wide and varying audience which in some cases has led to the artist securing the next important step in their career.

Ashurst offers a fresh perspective on the art prize structure by placing a strong focus on supporting the artists throughout their application process. By providing access to talks and events throughout the submission period, and the option for each artist to request feedback on their entry, the prize offers every artist the chance to benefit professionally from their submission to the competition.

The Ashurst Emerging Art Prize 2015 is open to entries from artists living, or professionally based, in the United Kingdom. Entries may be in a range of media, including painting, photography, mixed media or sculpture. The deadline for entries is 1 February 2015, with a shortlist to be announced in March 2015, and final winners announced in June 2015.

Commenting on the Art Prize, Ashurst corporate partner and founder of the Emerging Artist initiative Anthony Clare said:

"The Ashurst Emerging Art Prize is the flagship of our arts programme and reflects our commitment to the promotion of the arts and artists of the future. This is an important initiative, not only for Ashurst but for all the artists taking part. As a direct result of our Emerging Artist Initiative, a number of our artists have already secured sales of their works for the very first time, which represents a major milestone in their career. Others have gone on to be selected for prestigious national exhibitions, which reflects the high calibre of the work we have been privileged to promote. I have high hopes for the outcome of this new national prize."

Conrad Carvalho, Gallery Director at Oaktree & Tiger and Panel Chairman added:

"It brings me great pleasure to launch this new, inspiring annual art prize with Ashurst, who are long term supporters of the arts. It is great to find a firm that share my vision to help recognise up and coming talent, are eager to showcase emerging artists' work and are generous in their active support of artist's future careers and potential with this fantastic competition."

For further details of the prize, please visit www.artprize.co.uk. The prize will also be supported through the Ashurst website and social media, including its Facebook page and twitter account (links available at www.artprize.co.uk).

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