



14 September 2016

Ashurst launches the Ashurst Emerging Artist Prize 2017

International law firm Ashurst announces the launch of the third annual Ashurst Emerging Artist Prize, a major global prize for emerging artists.

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 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 a £250 gift voucher for both the Sculpture Prize and Employee Choice Award.

The Prize is complemented by talks providing practical guidance for artists, and an extensive social media presence promoting all entrants, in order to benefit as many participating artists as possible.

Last year, in only its second year, the Prize received over 1,890 entries from over 740 artists from Europe, South America, Iran, China, South Africa, and North and Central America, who worked across sculpture, digital, painting, photography and other art forms.

Open to artists anywhere in the world, entries are accepted in a wide range of media. The deadline for entries is 15 January 2017, with a shortlist to be announced in March 2017 and final winners announced in June 2017.

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

"The Ashurst Emerging Artist Prize continues to grow in profile and significance, and we are delighted to be launching the Prize for 2017. Since we first launched in 2014, we have seen an incredible increase not just in the number of entrants but also in terms of the quality and variety of the works. It is our aim to continue attracting some of the world's best emerging artists and we hope that this competition will continue to support them for many years to come."

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

"Following the success of last year's prize, we will be offering more participation this year to the artists that will give them greater exposure to galleries, art professionals and collectors. We have a variety of announcements coming up over the next few months to ensure this remains the most exciting art prize of the year."

Full information about how to enter, including entry forms and rules, can be found online at www.artprize.co.uk.

...ENDS...

For further media information/interview opportunities please contact:

Ashurst, Leticia Correa: +44(0) 207 859 2433 / leticia.correa@ashurst.com

Oaktree & Tiger, Conrad Carvalho: +44 (0) 7803 244159 / conrad@oaktreeandtiger.com