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National Open Art reveals its 2015 winners

Winners of the 2015 National Open Art Competition were announced last night (21 October) at the Royal College of Art, attended by NOA's patron Ronnie Wood.

A total of 35 amateur and professional artists from across the UK and Ireland won prizes totalling more than £60,000.

Fine art prizes were won by British-born Tamil artist Reginald S Aloysius, who was awarded by £5000 and a sculpture of a rhinoceros by NOA's patron Ronnie Wood for his graphite and gold leaf piece *KUL-MH004*. Up-and-coming Bristol Street Artist Jack Tierney also won a fine art prize of £3000 for *The Last Known Portrait of Ferdinand Marcos* and Kent fine artist Adrienne Blake won £2000 for *Egg Box*.

Exciting new artists were celebrated through a number of prizes. Holly Zandbergen's *Emergence* came first in the Young Artist's Award, which carries a £5,000 prize. Alexandra Merriam's *Sharlotta* and Hannah Murray's *Mark and Helen* came second and third, winning £3,000 and £2,000 respectively. Michael James Wright was named Best Emerging Artist for his oil painting *Love Fool*, which carries a £1,000 prize. Isla Jones was awarded Young Photographer's Award for *We Three* and also won £1000

The winning artworks beat nearly 4000 entries after being selected anonymously by judges Hughie O'Donoghue RA, David Lister, Rebecca Hossack, Vanessa Branson and Amanda Harman. The works are all being exhibited at NOA's Winter Exhibition at the Royal College of Art (21 Oct – 1 Nov) along with more than 100 artworks that also made it through to the final. The winners are due to be exhibited at the Pallant House Gallery in Chichester in December (1-13 Dec).

NOA 2015 judge Hughie O' Donoghue RA said: "Judging thousands of art works is a challenge, but the experience is essentially a privileged glimpse of the creative energy at work in Britain and Ireland today. I'm impressed with the strength and diversity of the submissions. What comes through for me is a sense of invention and a seriousness of intent, sometimes along with irreverence and humour. It's a healthy picture of the art in these Islands"

Prizes for the best artworks in each medium were also awarded including the Best Photography award, given to Harry Borden, one of the UK's most acclaimed portrait photographers, for his C-type print, *Kenny – 20 Years of Farming*. Aleksandra Karpowicz's photographic collage of naked people of all shapes and sizes *Let's Talk About Sex* won the Best Portrait Award.

This year's competition included a moving image category for the first time in its history, won by Susan Walsh for *Mary*.

Neil Lawson-Baker, Chairman of NOA, said: "Year by year collectors tell us that the quality and excellence of this important exhibition gets better and better and this year is no exception. This show should not be missed by anyone who is serious about seeing the emerging talent and creativity being produced by artists and photographers from across the entire UK and Ireland."

All entries to this year's competition are for sale at the exhibitions or through NOA's website. Proceeds for each piece are divided between the artist, NOA, and The House of Fairy Tales, a charity that helps children and young people engage with art.

National Open Art's Winter Exhibition takes place at the Royal College of Art in Kensington, London between 21 October and 1 November. Free to enter.

The Winner's Exhibition takes place at the Pallant House Gallery in Chichester between 1 and 13 December.

For more information visit www.thenationalopenartcompetition.com.

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To download images of the winning artworks visit

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Notes

NOA15 full list of winners

Announced at the NOA15 Private View on Wednesday, 21 October

NAME		PRIZE	TITLE
Michael	Angove	NOA15 Best Drawing Award sponsored by The Arts Club, Dover Street	Icon
Michael James	Wright	NOA15 Best Emerging Artist Award sponsored by Richard & Val Evans	Love Fool
Stephen	Scullion	NOA15 Best Installation Award sponsored by Neil & Grace Lawson Baker	Metamorphoses - Phaethon
Caroline	Kent	NOA15 Best Landscape Award sponsored by The Norfolk Estate	Late Autumn Drones
Harry	Borden	NOA15 Best Photography Award sponsored by Naylor	Kenny - 20 Years of Farming
Aleksandra	Karpowicz	NOA15 Best Portrait Award sponsored by Ward Thomas	Let's Talk About Sex
Chris	Gilbert	NOA15 Best Print or Etching Award sponsored by Abi	Oaxaca Serenade

		Slade	
Holly	Zandbergen	NOA15 Best Young Artists Award sponsored by Prudential	Emergence
Grace	Lee	NOA15 East of England Award sponsored by Vanessa Whinney	Incarnation
Reginald S	Aloysius	NOA15 Fine Art Award for the Best Artist sponsored by NOA & The Ronnie Wood Sculpture	KUL-MH004
Jack	Tierney	NOA15 Fine Art Award Sponsored by Seaward Properties	'The last known portrait of Ferdinand Marcos'
Adrienne	Blake	NOA15 Fine Art Award sponsored by Ward Thomas	EGG BOX (series)
Gillian	Hyland	NOA15 Photography Award sponsored by Ward Thomas	Look Away
Cherry	Pickles	NOA15 Welsh Award sponsored by Aneurin Morgan Thomas	Self-Portrait as Dylan Thomas
Alexandra	Merriam	NOA15 Young Artists Award sponsored by Prudential	Sharlotta
Hannah	Murray	NOA15 Young Artists Award sponsored by Prudential	Two Works - Mark and Helen

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NAME		PRIZE	TITLE
Louis	Appleby	NOA15 Artists' Mentor Experience Organised by Cass Art	Beasts of England
Susan	Walsh	NOA15 Best Moving Image Award	Mary

		sponsored by Roy Pace	
Chris	King	NOA15 Big Sky Studio Photography Experience Award	HP Tree - 72034
Feiyi	Wen	NOA15 Big Sky Studio Young Photographer's Experience Award	The Untitled from the Series 'In a Manner of Speaking'
Marian	Hyland	NOA15 Cass Art Material Bursary for Mature Artist	Harmony II
Skye	Algera	NOA15 Cass Art Material Bursary for Young Artist	Self portrait
Grace	Lee	NOA15 East of England Award sponsored by Vanessa Whinney	Incarnation
Patricia	Whiting	NOA15 Heart of England Award sponsored by Towry	Work life balance
Almuth	Tebbenhoff	NOA15 London Award sponsored by Towry	Blaue Mitte Circle
Amanda	Wigglesworth	NOA15 North of England Award sponsored by Towry	Harmony
Frances	Ryan	NOA15 Northern Ireland Award sponsored by Towry	Exotica 2
Carol	Hodder	NOA15 Republic of Ireland Award sponsored by The Merrion Hotel, Dublin	storm tree
Paul	Furneaux	NOA15 Scottish Award sponsored by The Orrin Trust	City Lights 1
Holly	Frean	NOA15 Selected by the Lawrence Alkin Gallery for their Summer 2016 Mixed Gallery Exhibition	A Pack of Women Artists
Lauren	Alderslade	NOA15 South of England Award sponsored by University of Chichester	Plenty of Fish
Lisa	Lewis	NOA15 Southwest of England Award	Nightscape Electric Blue

		sponsored by Towry	
Robbie	Bushe	NOA15 Turtleton Trust Scottish Art Prize	Widening Anticipation
Kaye	Song	NOA15 World Vote Winner	Asleep
Isla	Jones	NOA15 Young Photographer's Award sponsored by Towry	We Three
Kitti	Szekely (age 7) - Clifedale Primary School	NOA15 1st Prize Award for Children sponsored by the Foyle Foundation	Sunflowers
Matthew	Wynne (age 12) – Great Oaks School	NOA15 2nd Prize Award for Children sponsored by the Foyle Foundation	Grandad
Luc	Crossley (age 14) – Welling School	NOA15 3rd Prize Award for Children sponsored by the Foyle Foundation	The Child Inside

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As well as the 133 static pieces being exhibited, an additional six pieces of artwork from NOA's children competition and six moving image pieces will be exhibited.

Described by Young British Artist Gavin Turk as "the best open art competition in the UK", NOA's annual competition is held in high regard across the visual art world for the calibre of the work submitted.

NOA maintains its own collection, consisting of donated works by established and emerging artists who have submitted work to the NOA competition. This year NOA will hold exhibitions in London, Chichester, Brighton, Arundel and Harrogate.

Proceeds of sales from the NOA collection and competition go to helping NOA continue its mission to encourage artistic achievement and to NOA's chosen charity, The House of Fairy Tales, which helps children and young people engage with art.

NOA's long-term ambitions are to establish a fund for artists' education grants; to help provide affordable art studios; to provide bursaries and career support for artists and to encourage donations for traveling scholarships.

NOA was founded by the Duke of Richmond at Goodwood and is now presided over by the Duke of Norfolk. Its patron is Ronnie Wood and its Vice Presidents are Daniel Hodson, Michael Smith and Gavin Turk. It is run by the Chichester Art Trust, a not-for-profit Arts charity. No 1067096.