

# The National Open Art Competition 2010



The Artist Preview and the Private View followed by The 2<sup>nd</sup> Chichester Art Lecture given by Sir Christopher Frayling were all buzzing with art lovers. The standard of art this year has once again escalated and we will be showcasing at **The National Open Art Exhibition** the diversity of visual arts in 2010, including for the first year Art Photography.

*"...it was exciting to see that artists with considerable reputations are also attracted to what is fast becoming a major UK competition."* **Catherine Lampert 2010**

**The Towry Joint 1<sup>st</sup> Prize** was awarded to **Emma Haworth** and **Jarik Jongman** the judges were unable to decide on an overall winner so decided to split the prize.

**The Towry 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize** was awarded to **Michael Porter**

**The Towry Heart of England Prize** was awarded to **Michael Newton**

The **Rebecca Hossack Gallery** in London represents **Emma Haworth**. *Blue Meaning*, oil on canvas is an urban landscape with an edgy narrative.

**WW Gallery** in London represents **Jarik Jongman**. *Phenomena*, oil on canvas is a haunting allegory with ethereal tones. Jongman was shortlisted for the Threadneedle Art Prize 2010.

**Purdy Hicks Gallery** in London represents **Michael Porter** *Coastal Path*, oil and acrylic on canvas, is an intimate study of organic matter. Porter lives and works in Cornwall.

**Michael Newton's** *Brain Damage* is a large oil on canvas painting, is both dark in colour and intent. Newton is studying at Bath Spa University and exhibits at Bo -Lee Gallery in Bath.

The judges, this year, were headed up by **Gavin Turk** renown for being one of the founder members of the Young British Artist group, and more recently, for establishing **The House of Fairy Tales** a not-for-profit, child-centred, artist-led touring project, which he set up with his partner **Deborah Curtis**. Gavin was supported on the panel by:

- **Catherine Lampert** former director of the Whitechapel Gallery in London.
- **Lisa Wright Towry 1<sup>st</sup> Prize NOACC 2009** winner and lecturer at University College Falmouth,
- **Francis Hodgson** photographic critic for the Financial Times and Chairman of Prix Pictet the world's leading prize in photography and sustainability with a prize of CHF 100,000 and a field trip to a region where the bank Pictet & Cie is supporting a sustainable project for the successful photographer.
- **David Barrie** our lay judge

These five were tasked with finding the finalists to be showcased at the **Minerva Theatre, Chichester Festival Theatre from October 30<sup>th</sup> – November 13<sup>th</sup> open daily 10am – 5pm** for details of events please look on the web site.

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