

# The National Open Art Competition 2010

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We are delighted to announce that the final judging has taken place and the 14<sup>th</sup> National Open Art Competition is now closed. The artists selected for the exhibition have been notified and the prize winners all congratulated.

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

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

**The Piran Strange Young Artist Prize** went to **Rebecca Sangster**

**The RK Harrison Prize for Art Photography** went to **Maria-Aurelia Riese**.

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.

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

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 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 artists 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

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