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Young Masters

YOUNG MASTERS ART PRIZE 2012

Innovation is hugely important but it rarely comes from nothing. The **Young Masters Art Prize** looks for artists who combine innovation with awareness of the Old Masters and the art of the past. 'Old Masters' refers not just to Europe but also to wider, global artistic traditions. A unique not-for-profit competition, open to international and UK-based artists, the prize aims to give international recognition to emerging and newly established artists.

The Young Masters Art Prize was first launched in 2009 by respected gallerist, Cynthia Corbett. This inaugural launch included 16 shortlisted artists and the exhibition took place at Sphinx Fine Art, Kensington Church Street, where selected work was hung alongside Old Masters. The exhibition was also presented at the The Old Truman Brewery in London's East End. The two winners of the **Young Masters Art Prize 2009** were American artist-duo Ghost of a Dream and Héctor de Gregorio, a Spanish artist based in London. Sponsored by AXA UK, the artists were presented with the award by AXA Group Chief Executive Nicolas Moreau.

Young Masters Revisited, in 2010, featured both artists from the 2009 prize and artists discovered by the gallery who complemented the criteria of the show. Lluís Barba – extremely well-known internationally but with limited recognition in the UK until 2009 – was chosen as the highlight of the 2010 exhibition and was invited to present a solo exhibition at the Courtauld Institute in that same year. In October 2011, **Young Masters @ SPHINX** was held at Sphinx Fine Art, an interim exhibition in the run-up to the Young Masters Art Prize 2012. It featured both newly discovered artists and those who had participated in earlier Young Masters shows.

Young Masters Art Prize 2012 will officially open for artist applications in January 2012 (closing in April 2012), to coincide with a solo exhibition of previous **Young Masters** winners – Ghost of a Dream – in Art Projects at the London Art Fair (18 – 22 January, 2012). We have a schedule of events during the year to promote the concept of the prize internationally.

The **Young Masters Art Prize 2012** awards ceremony and exhibition, curated by Daria Khan, Director of the Spazio Carbonesi Foundation in Bologna, will take place in November 2012, on prestigious Cork Street, Mayfair W1. Chair of the judging panel is renowned art historian and journalist Godfrey Barker; the rest of the judging panel includes Colin Wiggins (Head of Education at the National Gallery, London); Jerwood-prize winning artist Adam Dant; renowned Belgian collector, Alain Servais; and Roy Bolton, Old Master dealer and TV presenter of arts programme *Show me the Monet*.

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