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GAM Prize Winners Announced at MA Fine Art Show



Christian Flackett, from GAM, awards prize to Chloe Leaper

Chloe Leaper, Jatinder S. Gill and Charlie Warde have been awarded this year's **GAM Fine Art Prizes** at City & Guilds of London Art School. Chloe receives the main prize of £2,000, and Jatinder and Charlie £1,000 each for their work at the MA Degree show and for development and outstanding achievements during their MA at City & Guilds Art School, one of London's leading graduate Fine Art Courses.

This year's prize was judged by art critic Richard Cork, gallerist Alan Cristea, artist and alumnus Alastair Mackie, and collector and Contemporary Art Society Trustee Cathy Wills. The panel decided to split the prize in recognition of the high level of achievement in this year's show.

Richard Cork said: **"We were impressed by the overall standard of the graduates, and excited by their imaginative range. The prize winners push their works in all kinds of unexpected and adventurous new directions which promise extremely well for their future."**

The 3 prize winners are among 17 students whose work can be seen in the MA Fine Art Show which can be visited from the 13-16 September 2012.

The Prize is just one element of GAM's support of the City & Guilds Fine Art Department. In addition GAM provides bursary support and assistance for the Fine Art Department's highly respected visiting lecturer programme. GAM is extremely supportive of the visual arts following the legacy of its founder, Gilbert de Botton, a visionary financier and well-known patron and leading collector of modern and contemporary art. GAM's continuing support of the international contemporary art scene aims to identify budding artists, and to introduce young children to the joys of visual art and galleries.

About City & Guilds

City & Guilds of London Art School, founded in 1854, occupies a distinctive position in art education. It is the only art school in London offering degree-validated courses at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels which has retained its independent status. Students are especially attracted to an art school where traditional craft skills are still valued and taught in a very supportive environment.

The School offers an intensive 1 year full time (or 2 year part-time) MA in Fine Art, giving students the chance to benefit from advanced teaching by leading practitioners and develop their practice within a critical and professional framework with a very good staff to student ratio and ample studio space. A 2011 survey by Modern Painters Magazine ranked it the third best graduate arts program in the UK.

In Fine Art, the School is known for the quality of its teaching in the traditions of painting, sculpture and printmaking within a contemporary context. This specialist position provides an important alternative to the priorities of most other, larger art schools, and lends a high degree of focus to the students involved. Recent graduates such as Barnaby Hosking, Ruth Goddard, Alastair Mackie, Alex Gene Morrison, Oliver Clegg and Hugo Wilson have gone on to establish themselves as leading contemporary artists.

The School's independent status has been crucial to its remaining small and specialist. All courses are taught by practicing artists and career professionals with international reputations. Led by Tony Carter and Robin Mason, the Fine Art department has tutors with highly successful careers of their own including Reece Jones, Andrew Grassie, Gavin Nolan, Teresita Dennis, Andy Bannister, Kate Palmer and Jane Langley. Visiting lecturers have included: Norman Rosenthal, Basil Beattie, Paul Winstanley, Andrew Mummery, Alexis Harding, Gordon Cheung, Colin Smith, David Kefford, Anne Hardy, Tom Godfrey, Lucy Williams, Zavier Ellis, Max Attenborough, Chris Davies, Will Turner, Paul Becker, Francesca Lowe, Helen Sumpter, Nick Hackworth, Jonathan Wateridge, Neil Rumming, and Christian Ward.

City & Guilds of London Art School: MA Fine Art Show 2012
Private View Wednesday 12 September 5pm to 9pm Thursday 13 September 10am – 7.30pm Friday 14 September 10am – 7.30pm Saturday 15 September 10am – 5pm Sunday 16 September 10am – 5pm
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