

A "brush" with the law as arts students receive £10k

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Two graduating students at the University of the Arts London (UAL), have been awarded a £10,000 sponsorship prize by international law firm Pinsent Masons to help launch their arts career.

The sponsorship money will be divided between Jazmin Morris who studies Fine Art at Chelsea College of Arts and Giulia Gallon who studies costume design at Wimbledon College of Arts.

The prize also includes free studio space for both students at Greencoat Studios, UAL's first creative business incubator space, which is launching in Autumn 2019 in Camberwell and will provide low-rent spaces for recent graduates and local creative entrepreneurs.

The judges included Maggie O'Regan of art consultants InSitu, Kevin Boa a partner at Pinsent Masons, Jane McFadyen, Dean of Academic Strategy and Marcus O'Dair, Associate Dean of Knowledge Exchange from Camberwell, Chelsea, and Wimbledon Colleges, UAL.

Graduating students across the three arts colleges of the UAL were invited to submit applications. Shortlisted candidates were then asked to pitch their ideas to the panel of judges in person.

Pinsent Masons will also be welcoming the two winners to their London office to exhibit their work. The two winners will share their progress with the firm over the course of the next year.

David Isaac, chair of the Pinsent Masons Art Committee commented: "Art has an immense power to challenge and provoke, to inspire new ways of thinking and to create resonance on a deeply emotional level. Making a start as an artist is not easy, and Pinsent Masons hopes that by investing in these extremely talented young artists, we can help their careers. We will watch the future work that Jazmin and Giulia and hope that they will go on to achieve huge success."

Jane McFadyen, Dean of Academic Strategy at Camberwell, Chelsea, and Wimbledon Colleges, University of the Arts London commented: "Selecting two winners from the candidates was an incredibly difficult undertaking. Jazmin and Giulia's submissions were exceptionally impressive and they are hugely deserving winners. The sponsorship prize from Pinsent Masons as well as the studio space provided by Greencoat Studios is a significant and life-changing award that will enable the graduates to build on the impetus of their graduate shows immediately upon leaving college."

The award follows Pinsent Masons' announcement that it has appointed Susan Stockwell as its new Artist in Residence.

Susan will be working on site in the firm's London headquarters, creating interventions throughout the building and working on a collaborative piece with staff during 2019/20. This will include a series of workshops and displays in the main foyer and client areas.

About the winners

Jazmin Morris studies at Chelsea College of Arts where she explores representation and inclusivity within technology. She uses Virtual Reality and open-source game development engines to create realities that highlight issues surrounding gender and race.

Giulia Gallon studies at Wimbledon College of Arts where she is pursuing costume design. She takes inspiration from music, art, and nature and much of her work involves collaborating with performance artists, classical music composers, and dancers.