



The HIX Award 2015

Award Ceremony: 3rd September
Exhibition Dates: 7 August- 4 September

Mark Hix welcomes you to CNB Gallery for its most esteemed event of the year, the HIX Award. Mark's love of art and hunger for innovation and creativity is a vision shared by Gallery Director Rebecca Lidert. Both conceived the idea of the HIX Award and now, gathering momentum in its third year, it is the highlight for any collectors' calendar, as the gallery exhibits the best crop of exceptional undergraduate and graduate artists' work.

This year's entries have ranged nationwide, with a few from even further afield, all with the hopes of getting a taste of the CNB action and being whittled down to the final 18 by our esteemed panel of judges. With HIX's links to the local and most renowned arts universities, there is no shortage of entries, placing the HIX Award at the forefront of the contemporary arts scene- somewhere it plans to stay.

The panel of judges is made up of a 22 strong assembly whose names and reputations precede them, and whose collective output is something iconic. The line up includes heroes of the art world such as Tracey Emin, Rob and Nick Carter and Miranda Donovan, as well as established critics and professionals such as Liz Murdoch, Dylan Jones and Eliza Bonham Carter. The collective will decide the winner and runner-up from the shortlisted exhibitors which will then be announced in early September.

The rarity of this opportunity is something that the HIX Award and CNB gallery are especially proud to be able to present. The level of exposure, thanks to the collective brilliance of the judges, will have a profound impact on any promising young artists' career. Following on from his 2014 win, Felix Treadwell recently had a sell-out exhibition in the CNB Gallery, *Ripple on a Playground*, of his Japanese inspired, ambiguous painting. Now, thanks to the opportunity of



winning the HIX Award, along with his obvious talent, Felix has established himself as one of the young graduate artists to look out for.

The standard of the entrants is outstanding and range from the bold to the intimate, the vivid to the minimal, a refreshing abundance of talent that certainly makes the decision of a favourite a difficult, but an extremely entertaining one for the man himself.

Don't forget to cast your vote for the 'People's Winner' Award on our Facebook page.

HIX AWARD FINALISTS 2015: Allyson McIntyre, Bakhtiyar Berkin, Demi Overton, Edén Barrena, Emma Marks, Jacob Yarwood, Jennifer N. R. Smith, Kelly Sweeney, Lewis-John Henderson, Luke Marsh, Marcin T.Jozefiak, Matilda Skelton Mace, Michael Colegate, Natasha Malik, Patricia Pisanelli, Phoebe Mulrooney, Salomé Partouche and Susan Eyre.

NOTES TO EDITORS

HIX AWARD

The HIX Award is an open, free to enter, yearly competition that offers students and recent graduates a chance to show their work in a contemporary space in the heart of Shoreditch, CNB Gallery, to be presented to a panel of esteemed and diverse judges. For more information about the award, visit our website: www.hixaward.com

CNB GALLERY

CNB Gallery is located in the basement of Mark Hix's Tramshed on Rivington street, Shoreditch. Tramshed displays a permanent collection of work by some of Britain's leading artists including Damien Hirst, Gary Webb, Henry Hudson and Jake and Dinos Chapman. A wide range of artists, from the established to the undiscovered are given the opportunity to showcase their work with exhibitions changing every month.