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THE HEPWORTH WAKEFIELD ANNOUNCES NEW £30,000 PRIZE FOR SCULPTURE



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Today, The Hepworth Wakefield in West Yorkshire announced details of a new £30,000 prize for sculpture, as part of the gallery's 5th anniversary celebrations.

This major new biennial award will recognise, with a £30,000 prize, a British or UK-based artist who has made a significant contribution to contemporary sculpture.

The Prize is open to artists of any age, at any stage in their career and their selection will be based on the significance of their contribution to sculpture in its broadest definition.

The longlist for the award will be compiled by a panel of five nominators: Katrina Brown, Director of Common Guild; Jennifer Higgin, Co-Editor of Frieze; Lisa Le Feuvre, Director of the Henry Moore Institute; Sally Tallant, Director of Liverpool Biennial and Bart van der Heide, Chief Curator at Stedelijk Museum.

The nomination panel will create a shortlist of four artists who will be featured in an exhibition at The Hepworth Wakefield. The shortlist will be judged by a panel of both art world and figures from the public eye to be announced shortly. The four shortlisted artists will present their work in an exhibition at The Hepworth Wakefield in Oct 2016.

The exhibition will bring together a representative body of work by each artist, creating a rich and diverse exhibition. Visitors to the exhibition will be encouraged to judge the Prize, creating public interest and investment in the winner.

Simon Wallis, Director of The Hepworth Wakefield said:

"The launch of a new prize for sculpture is a wonderful way for the gallery to celebrate its fifth year and a fitting legacy to Barbara Hepworth, one of Britain's greatest sculptors. While there is no shortage of prizes in the art world, few specifically recognise sculpture and it is our aspiration to redress that with one of the UK's most important new awards."

The Hepworth Prize for Sculpture is supported by: David Liddiment, David Roberts, Linda Bennett and Litestructures.

The Yorkshire Post is regional media partner for The Hepworth Sculpture Prize.

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EDITOR'S NOTES:

THE HEPWORTH WAKEFIELD

The gallery is at the heart of Wakefield's regeneration. Designed by the internationally acclaimed practice, David Chipperfield Architects, it is funded by Wakefield Council and Arts Council England and an increasing number of charitable trusts, private individuals, Patrons and Members.

The gallery opened on 21 May 2011 and welcomed its millionth visitor on 5 December 2013. To date, the gallery has welcomed 1.4 million visitors and contributed approximately £20 million to the local economy.

Address: The Hepworth Wakefield, Gallery Walk, Wakefield, West Yorkshire, WF1 5AW

Telephone: +44 (0)1924 247360

Admission: Free

Website: www.hepworthwakefield.org

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Opening Hours: 10am - 5pm Tuesday – Sunday
10am - 9pm Third Thursday of the month
Closed Mondays (except local school holidays and bank holidays)

Travel: By Train: the nearest stations are Wakefield Westgate and Kirkgate
By Car: the gallery is situated off the A61, with nearby links to the M1 motorway. A pay & display visitor car park is located on Thornes Lane, WF1 5QJ, with free blue badge car parking on site
By Bus: the gallery is situated on main bus routes and the FreeCityBus route

(Mon-Sat, 9.30am-3pm)

By Bicycle: bicycle racks are located by our main entrance

By Air: the nearest airport is LeedsBradford

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