

EXHIBITION ■ Surprise announcement puts icing on the cake for artists at annual East event

Lottery celebration

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It was a night for celebration at the opening of the 12th annual East exhibition for the Norwich School of Art and Design, with the announcement of a Lottery cash award.

Artists gathered on Saturday night at the school on St George's in Norwich, to celebrate the launch of this year's exhibition and the announcement of the winner of the school's £6000 'encouragement award' given to the most promising exhibitor.

But curator Lynda Morris revealed that the school had just heard it had won a Lottery cash award of £5000 for an artist to work on a project in a public building for the city of Norwich.

East, held annually, has brought together the work of 29 artists from six countries with New York artists Lawrence Weiner and Jack Wendler making the selection from 1300 entries from 38 countries.

The encouragement award was divided between five artists whose work is on display in the exhibition and who each got £1000.

They were: Adam Blumberg from Chicago, Clare Iles from Essex (a student of the school), Hiraki Sawa from London, Jessica Jackson Hutchings from New

York and Daniel Milohnic and Dirk Paschke (working together to one entry.)

Daniel Milohnic and Dirk Paschke made a public art work called Tentacles, a sculpture made from red and yellow builders' waste disposal chutes interlocked to form long tentacles emerging from the root of a tree.

Other themes for the exhibition include the urban landscape, the imposition of the city on our psychology through redevelopment and the vulnerability of individuals, interiors, travel and aircraft.

The winner of the £5000 Lottery award to create a piece of work in a public building over the next year was Matthew Houlding, 35, from London.

Anne Seex, chief executive of Norwich City Council, said East was "an opportunity for Norwich to be a showcase for young, vibrant talent."

■ East is open to the public, free, from today to August 24, 10am-5pm, Monday to Saturday.



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SUCCESS: Selector Lawrence Weiner (fourth from left) with award winners, from left, Clare Iles, Adam Blumberg, Hiraki Sawa, Jessica Jackson Hutchings, Daniel Milohnic, Dirk Paschke and Matthew Houlding.