

PPC Imaginarium Awards announces 2016/2017 regional finalists

Fifty five finalists have been chosen from across South Africa as the PPC Imaginarium Awards reveals its 2016/2017 regional finalists. Following a regional judging process that took place in January and February 2017, the finalists will move on to the national judging round.

The awards received a record number of entries into the competition with 869 registered entries received, exceeding last year's total of 698 entrants.



By Handre de la Rey, industrial design finalist

The finalists were chosen from the competition's various categories, namely, film, industrial design, sculpture, fashion and jewellery. (The architecture entries are still in the process of being judged.) The overall winner, category winners and runners-up will be announced on 18 May 2017 at the UJ Art Gallery in Johannesburg. The overall winner will walk away with a total cash prize of R150,000, while category winners and runners-up will each be awarded R50,000 and R15,000 respectively.

Industry experts make up judging panel

The finalists' submissions were judged by a panel of industry experts, including well-known architect and director of the awards, Daniel van der Merwe, fashion and design consultant Allana Finley and visual artist Stephen Hobbs. Other noteworthy regional judges include fine artist Mary Sibande, filmmaker Wessel van Huyssteen and Gallery MOMO Cape Town director Igsaan Martin.



By Ivan Brown, industrial design finalist

“There was a noticeable progression of the physical submissions this year,” says Martin. “It is evident that entrants are researching the limitations of concrete and delivering this knowledge within their artworks. The outcome was innovative submissions that are of exceptional quality.”

Commercially viable entries

Finley adds to this, saying: “I was impressed by the inventiveness of works submitted during the awards’ 2016/2017 cycle. It was inspiring to witness the way in which entrants incorporated the medium of concrete into their submissions and were able to do so across PPC Imaginarium’s various categories. I was excited to find that a big portion of the entries were commercially viable and globally relevant, which is an important aspect to consider with a global partner like PPC Ltd.”



By Kenan Petersen, sculpture finalist

A project of the innovation department of PPC, the PPC Imaginarium Awards challenges artists and designers to express their creative abilities using cement as the primary medium. Members of the public will be able to engage with the finalists’ work at a number of galleries and events across the country, including 100% Design South Africa, the Turbine Art Fair and the KZNSA Gallery, in addition to the exhibition at the UJ Art Gallery.



By Ryan Roberts and Ingrid Jones Roberts, sculpture finalists

The list of the PPC Imaginarium Awards 2016/2017 finalists, classified per category, is as follows:

Film

- Stefanus Nel
- Berdene du Toit
- Thabo Molebatsi

Industrial design

- Jano Myburgh
- Ryan Roberts and Ingrid Jones Roberts
- Antony Spence
- Ivan Brown
- Matthew Davey
- Deon de Lange
- David Gray
- Yolande Berdine van der Merwe
- Sonja Zytchow and Geoffrey Hunt
- Josua Strumpfer
- Handre de la Rey

Sculpture

- Dries Fourie
- Luke Ducray
- Campbell Lak
- Kim Mobey
- Kenan Petersen
- Ryan Roberts and Ingrid Jones Roberts
- Mhlonishwa Chiliza (x2)
- Wonder Shangase
- Hannah Kempe
- Lebogang Mabusela

- Mziwoxolo Makalima
- Sonwabiso Ngcai
- Chantelle Chambers
- Pierre du Plessis
- Steven Xitina Khosa (x3)

Fashion

- Cara Jade Bezuidenhout
- Janine Potts
- Tshepo Sizwe Phokojoe
- Retha Snyders
- Cleo Sophie Spiller

Jewellery

- Elmarie Burger
- Christine Botha
- Ryan Roberts and Ingrid Jones Roberts
- Priscilla Brown
- Aleks Ashton
- Deon de Lange
- Geraldine Fenn
- Manuel Mpho Helepi
- Tshegofatso Makgatho
- Nkosinathi Mhlongo
- Lydia-Comfort Ntakanyane Molaba
- Thato Radebe
- Jessica Roetz
- Rela Venter
- Zanele Vilakazi
- Sonja Zytchow
- Gabrielle Lourens
- Zanele Abigail Shongwe

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