



of the Taylor Art Award Richard Gavin, pictured with his work, and Jessica Brouder (below). Pictures: Aidan Crawley

smates share top prize in art contest

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TWO students from the same college shared the top prize in the RDS Art Student Awards, announced yesterday.

Richard Gavin (21), who recently graduated from the Limerick College of Art and Design, and Canadian Jessica Brouder (21), who is going into her final year in Limerick, won the Taylor

Art Award receiving £4,000 each.

"I'm ecstatic to have won. The painting is basically a construction of different materials. I like the idea of building a work," said Richard from Caherconlish in Limerick.

From an eerie crouching ceramic figure to a large painting of a Cadbury's Cream Egg, all forms of art were covered.

"I'm really nervous, I didn't think I would win. Now I'd better get on the phone to tell my parents. I want to be a professional painter so when I finish in Limerick I hope to do a Masters in Art in New York or London," said Ms Brouder from Montreal.

Ms Brouder's work, entitled *North* depicts a hazy landscape from a photo in 2D and 3D materials. Mr

Gavin's piece, *Sorcha* emphasised the construction of a painting.

The printmaking prize was won by Ruth McDonnell, from Cavan, who was a student at the Dun Laoghaire Institute of Art. Catherine Marshall, of the Irish Museum of Modern Art announced the three winning students, who shared in a prize fund of £10,000.



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