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Awards Special

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Turner Prize hopefuls all in Nottingham

All four finalists in the Turner Prize 2006 are currently showing their work in Nottingham as part of the British Art Show. The short-listed artists this year are Tomma Abts, Phil Collins, Mark Titchner and Rebecca Warren, whose work ranges from film and painting to sculpture. This is the only chance to see all four finalists' work in one exhibition until the Turner Prize exhibition opens at Tate Britain in September. The British Art Show runs at various venues around Nottingham until June 25th.

Works smirks

Nottingham City Council's employee benefits scheme scooped the equivalent of the Palme d'Or at the national Employee Benefits Awards this week. Works Perks was honoured with the Grand Prix award – presented to the best entry among the 21 other category award winners - fending off competition from the likes of Channel 4, GlaxoSmithKline, Nestle and BP. Not content with winning just one prize, the scheme also won the category for the most effective use of a voluntary benefits plan.

Justice is served

Nottingham's Galleries of Justice beat off competition from the Imperial War Museum, the National Museums of Liverpool, the National Museums of Scotland, the British Museum and HMS Belfast to win the Educational Initiative Prize at this year's national Museum & Heritage Awards for Excellence. The Galleries' winning entry is their innovative Actively Reducing Crime project, which helps schools to carry out crime audits on the school and develop crime reduction projects in their communities, in partnership with the Police, local authorities and the Youth Offending Service.

Energetic performance

Nottingham City Council's Energy and Sustainability Team has scooped a prestigious national prize. The Energy Manager of the Year category of the Energy Institute's NEMEX Awards - one of the most sought-after accolades in the energy industry - went to Service Manager Ashley Baxter, who has led a number of innovative initiatives that have achieved savings in both financial and environmental costs. As a result, the Council is recognised as one of the largest independent UK purchasers of green energy.

No-show ads show promise

Local advertising company Sellers & Rogers took the gold and bronze in the 'Ideas That Never Made It' category of the industry's Campaign Fresh Grand Prix Awards. The work, which included campaigns for Raleigh and Superglue, never appeared either because it was produced speculatively, or fell victim to a change of client plan, or the budgeted spend never materialised.

And far from finally...

National Transport Awards judges visited Nottingham this week to see why Nottingham should be awarded Transport Authority of the Year. Fingers crossed for the right decision being announced in July ... New City Centre toilets are to open in Greyhound Street providing state-of-the-art facilities for men, women and people with disabilities. We're confident they will make it onto a Loo Roll of Honour.

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