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PRESS STATEMENT

Nick Hornby receives the Clifford Chance/University of the Arts, London Sculpture Award 2008

The Clifford Chance/University of the Arts, London Sculpture Award 2008 has been given to Nick Hornby, a recent postgraduate from Chelsea School of Art.

The Award consists of a £3000 payment and the opportunity to display works in the Reception of Clifford Chance's offices at Canary Wharf for six months.

Nick Hornby describes his sculptures as 'miscreant objects, creating abstraction out of utility and process, disguising craftsmanship with mechanism, art history with the instruction manual, and pitching the integrity of objecthood against process.'

His proposal brings together a series of sculptures that appear to be autonomous, modernist forms; ideal and conclusive. But the objects are the remnants of a performance or of other works; the product or by-product of a different research project. A prop from a Star Wars film recreated in plaster; a Victorian table leg, carved using a 'jacked-up' car as a lathe; part of a life-size slice of a Boeing 727 airplane.

The Clifford Chance Art Group, who selected Nick Hornby from a shortlist prepared by the University, commented that his work, at first visually appealing, contained layers of meaning that enriched the experience of looking. They considered his use of documentary material, revealing the processes behind the objects and appreciated the accessibility of his approach. They felt that the many visitors to their offices would enjoy, be stimulated and engaged by Nick's installation.

Nick Hornby will install a group of works, including the plaster sculptures, for six months at Clifford Chance's Canary Wharf premises.

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Notes to Editors:

1. Image details: installation photograph of Nick Hornby's MA show at Chelsea College of Art, 2007

2. The Clifford Chance/University of the Arts, London Sculpture Award 2008 was open to postgraduate students graduating from a constituent college in 2007, working in any media.
3. The installation at Clifford Chance, 10 Upper Bank Street, Canary Wharf, London E14 runs from 1st February to 28 July and is open to the public by appointment only, on Friday between 12 and 6pm. Contact 020 7006 5384 for an appointment
4. Past recipients of the Award include: 2005 M J Whelan, Chelsea College of Art; 2006 George Henry Longly, Central St Martins College of Art; 2007 Simona Brinkman, Central St Martins College of Art
5. For further information about Nick Hornby see www.nickhornby.org.uk
6. The University of the Arts, London (statement)
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