

RBC Canadian Painting Competition Finalists Announced

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A view of *Above Cathedral* by Gavin Lynch, one of the 15 finalists in this year's RBC Canadian Painting Competition.

Fifteen emerging visual artists—five from each of Western Canada, Eastern Canada and Central Canada—have been announced as finalists in the 2014 [RBC Canadian Painting Competition](#).

The finalists announcement was made earlier today as part of *Canadian Art's Montreal Hop*.

This year, the competition will award a total of \$55,000 in prize money. The winner will receive a cash prize of \$25,000, while two honourable mentions will each receive \$15,000. Works by both the winners and runners-up will be added to RBC's collection.

The finalists from Western Canada are: **Ashleigh Bartlett** of Calgary; **Ufuk Gueray** of Winnipeg, **Tiziana La Melia** of Vancouver; **Laura Piasta** of Vancouver; and **Robert Taite** of Winnipeg.

The finalists from Central Canada are: **Jennifer Carvalho** of Toronto; **Wallis Cheung** of Toronto; **James Gardner** of Toronto; **Gavin Lynch** of Ottawa; and **Megan McCabe** of Toronto.

The finalists from Eastern Canada are: **Carly Butler** of Halifax; **Teto Elsidique** of Halifax; **Karine Fréchette** of Montreal; **Nicolas Lachance** of Montreal; **Elysanne Tremblay** of Montreal.

The winner and two honourable mentions will be announced at a gala at the **Montreal Museum of Fine Arts** on October 1. All the finalists' paintings will also be displayed at the gallery between September 9 and October 8. Paintings will then be on exhibit at Art Toronto from October 23 to 27.

Established in 1999, the RBC Canadian Painting Competition, administered with the support of the Canadian Art Foundation (publisher of *Canadian Art*), is a unique initiative to help nurture and support promising new artists in the early stages of their careers—a time when they need both recognition and financial support.

Recent winners of the RBC Canadian Painting Competition include **Colleen Heslin**, **Vanessa Maltese** and **Rebecca Brewer**.