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## Nicole Ondre: Wall painting wins award

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Nicole Ondre is the winner of the 2012 Contemporary Art Society Emerging Artist's Prize.

She was awarded the prize and \$3,000 at the opening this evening of the CASV Emerging Artist's Prize Exhibition at Access Gallery.

The other four finalists were Scott Billings, Jordy Hamilton, Jeremy Hof, and Natalie Purschwitz. They each receive \$250. The work by all five artists is on view to June 16, 2012 at the gallery at 222 E. Georgia.

In a news release the CASV said to create her wall paintings Ondre applies oil paint to either a sheet of paper or directly onto the wall, and then uses those marks to adhere paper and wall.

"The paint serves as the structural support for the painting," Ondre said in her artist's statement, "while also constituting the material of the picture itself. Over time, the paint soaks into the paper and the oil is absorbed, in a sense merging the painted surface with the wall."

Created specifically for the exhibition, *Rectangle variations / fading lights*, will change over time as the paint becomes lighter or darker, the oil stains yellow, and the paper ages, the news release said.

The jurors were Patrik Andersson, Monte Clark, Makiko Hara, Nigel Prince, and Marina Roy. The five finalists were chosen from a field of 147 entries.

This inaugural prize was established to encourage and support artists within the first five years of their careers, and is the only one of its kind in Vancouver selected through an open competition.

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