



Artwork Graeme Wilcox's painting Two Brothers

Artist honoured

A GLASGOW artist is in line to win a prestigious national award.

Figurative painter Graeme Wilcox has been shortlisted in the National Open Art Exhibition awards.

The Glasgow School of Art graduate's *Two Brothers* is up against 92 works by 84 other artists.

The competition, which supports talent from both emerging and professional artists, will be opened at the Royal

College of Art in London by Rolling Stones rocker and keen painter Ronnie Wood.

This year has seen the highest ever number of entries submitted from across the UK.

The prizes include the Towry Award for Best in Show of £10,000, two photography prizes of £1,000 and Young Artists' prizes totaling £5000. Up to nine regional prizes will also be awarded.

Chef's hot property

A GLASGOW chef has fused favourites of Indian and Italian cuisine to create a new type of pizza.

Dave Gannon's Indian flatbread pizza, using naan bread and curry sauce, was created when he owned

an Indian restaurant in the French ski resort of Chamonix.

Dave has signed an exclusive three-month distribution deal with Scotmid Co-operative to carry Curry Dave products.

REPAIRS ROW

Cabbies in clash over closures

Council reject firm's claim

Cordelia O'Neill
GLASGOW'S cabbies have complained that road closures are costing them money.

Glasgow Taxis, the city's biggest hackney cab firm, say events like the weekend's Great Scottish Run are a "massive headache" and threatened to put them out of business.

And they complain that, as one of the city's biggest transport suppliers, they are not given advance warning of closures caused by repairs and construction.

But council bosses hit back at the "bizarre" statement, saying that closures were down to improvements and making way for events that drew the world's eyes to the city.

Stephen Flynn, vice-chair of Glasgow Taxis, said: "We all accept roads need investment and repairs but the regularity, inconvenience and lack of notice ahead of most closures in and around the city centre is now a massive issue for us."

"Not only is this causing a not insignificant loss of earnings for many of our members and drivers, it is also doing the image of

Glasgow no favours at a time when we are all trying to paint a positive image of the city."

A council spokesman said: "To suggest that improving the roads network - which is very important to our residents and businesses - is not doing the image of the city any favours is a bizarre statement."

"Our city is now firmly established as not only a tourist destination but also a wonderful city to host large scale events."

"It would be a real shame if any company didn't want Glasgow to be a player on the global stage."

“ This is doing the image of city no favours



Warm-hearted The Glasgow University researchers

Uni team's lot of heart

UNIVERSITY scientists are swapping lab coats for Lycra to run a charity 10k road race this weekend.

The Glasgow Uni team researchers, who are all doing PhDs, are taking on the British Heart Foundation Scotland's Glasgow Winter Warmer to raise funds for the worthy cause.

One of them, Kathryn Wilson, said: "We were at a PhD student symposium and we heard a

presentation about how and where the money is raised that funds our work.

"We were so impressed at how much is donated to funding heart-related research that we thought we should be adding to that pot of money."

Teams in Glasgow and Edinburgh have each received £3 million this year alone, to fund BHF Centres of Research Excellence.

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