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The Worshipful Company of Turners

THE MASTER'S PLAIN TURNING COMPETITION 2016

This Competition will be held at Carpenters' Hall, Throgmorton Avenue, London, EC2N 2JJ on Tuesday 11th October 2016
with entries to remain exhibited as part of Wizardry in Wood 2016
Wednesday 12th October to Saturday 15th October 2016

This prestigious competition is open to any turner resident in Great Britain and is for a set exercise, namely:-

A Pair of (non-pedestal) Lidded Bowls

The competition is for plain turning
for which prizes of £1250, £500 and £250 will be awarded.

RULES AND CONDITIONS

1. The Pair of Bowls must be plain-turned on a lathe.
2. There are no restrictions as to size or style.
3. Any materials may be used with the exception of ivory or any woods or materials that contravene the CITES convention (https://www.cites.org/).
4. Applied finish is optional.
5. All work must have been executed by the competitor, except commercially made components, such as screws.
6. The work must be turned substantially by hand (plain turning). Other techniques such as carving, polychromatic assembly, marquetry, inlay and the like, may also be incorporated.
7. Competitors may submit one entry only. It must not have been entered for any other competition of the Company.
8. The judges will consider the appeal of the design and appropriateness of the materials used, technical excellence, originality and difficulty of techniques employed as well as quality of finish, and fitness for purpose or function.
9. The Judges' decision shall be final and binding on all competitors.
10. A First Prize of £1250 and a certificate will be awarded for the winning entry; a Prize of £500 and a certificate will be awarded for the second best entry and a Prize of £250 and a certificate will be awarded for the third best entry. If the quality of entries is outstanding a certificate may also be awarded for the fourth best entry.
11. No first prize shall be awarded if the best entry is considered by the judges to be of insufficiently high standard. In such circumstances a certificate of commendation may be awarded if considered appropriate.
12. The First Prize-winning entry of the competition shall be retained by the Company; the other prize-winning entries will be returned to the makers.
13. Entry forms may be obtained from the Secretary of your organisation or, for independent turners, from the Clerk of the Turners' Company or from the Company website. Completed forms must be returned to the Clerk by 12th September 2016.

14. Each entry must be signed and dated on the base and a label, clearly stating the name of the competition for which it is entered, must be affixed over the makers name so that the piece remains anonymous.

15. Delivery of entries. Entries must be:

- **delivered** to the Reception Steward at Carpenters' Hall between 9.30 am and 11.30am on the morning of October 11th 2016; or,
- **mailed or otherwise delivered** to the Clerk at the Company's address above to arrive no later than Friday 7 October 2016; or,
- **mailed or otherwise delivered** to one of the reception centres (addresses and details to be announced elsewhere on the website).

16. An adhesive marker (or equivalent) unique to the competitor will be applied to the underside of each entry so that anonymity is maintained until the judging has been completed.

17. Each entry must be accompanied by a typed postcard describing the entry (in particular the wood and finish used); the asking price if it is being offered for sale; and, if the competitor wishes, their contact/business card. These will be exhibited after the competition has been judged. The company reserves the right to withhold any promotional material which is too large or not in keeping with these guidelines.

18. Entries offered for sale will be subject to a 15% commission.

19. Prize winning pieces will be identified as soon as practicable after judging has been completed. Competitors will be invited to view the competitions (but not Wizardry in Wood) between 3.30pm and 5.00pm on 11 October 2016.

20. Prize winners will be published on the Company's website on Wednesday 12 October 2016.

21. The award ceremony for prize winners will take place at 3.00pm on Saturday 15 October 2016.

22. All competitors will be issued with two complimentary tickets to Wizardry in Wood for Saturday 2016 and may attend the award ceremony before collecting their pieces.

23. All entries not retained by the Company must be removed from Carpenter's Hall only between 4.00pm and 5.00pm on the afternoon of Saturday 15th October 2016. Un-collected entries will be returned by pre paid mail or via one of the reception centres.

24. Competitors are responsible for the adequate packaging of their work; an appropriately sized cardboard or wooden box must be provided for all entries, which must be marked clearly with the competitor's name and address.