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## Duke Art controversy on cards again

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THE winning piece of art in the 2010 Stan and Maureen Duke Gold Coast Art Prize could be even more controversial than last year's winner, according to the gallery hosting the 63 finalists.

The winner of the \$10,000 prize will be announced at 6pm tomorrow from almost 300 entries at the opening of the exhibition at the Gold Coast City Art Gallery.

Last year's winner, Melbourne artist Christopher Jones, caused national debate with his piece 'the liver is the bucket kicked the rabbit 2008' criticised by some as not being 'art'.

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Despite some controversial exhibitors throughout the past 40 years of the prize, the artists have gone on to win the prestigious Archibald Prize with some artwork now valued at 100 times its original cost.

'I think that it's easy to bag prizes like this but you could well have egg on your face,' Virginia Rigney, curator and acting gallery manager, said of the prize which began in 1968.

Former Currumbin resident Dane Lovett, whose work includes an album art work for rock band Eskimo Joe, has entered a synthetic polymer paint on canvas titled Oasis 2010.

Another local artist Victoria Reichelt has entered an oil on linen piece titled Last Days 2010.

Artwork from Waratah Lahy titled Photographing a Work of Art 2 2009 was sent out on invitations for the prize.



Duke art prize entrant Dirty Little Secrets by Erica Gray

Pictures: Duke Art Awards 2010: The finalists

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