

## Ceramics Student Makes Mark Internationally

John Paxie, a student at the Dunedin School of Art at Otago Polytechnic, has had his work selected from amongst thousands of entrants as a finalist in the prestigious 2011 International Ceramics Competition Mino, Japan.



John Paxie 'Red Gold and Black Ellipse'  
Stoneware, gold laquer and acrylic paint

His ceramic work is titled 'Red Gold and Black Ellipse.'

This event is an internationally recognised world-class ceramic competition and all selected works will be exhibited at Ceramic Park, MINO. The International Ceramics Competition Mino is the main event of the International Ceramics Festival and the last competition (held in 2008) attracted 3,284 entries from 56 countries and areas around the world.

The awards include a Grand Prix of 5,000,000 yen (currently around 80,000 NZD) and a Gold Award of 1,000,000. The Grand Prix winner will be flown to the opening of the award in September 2011.

The International Ceramics Festival Mino is held with the aim of supporting the growth of the ceramics industry and the enhancement of culture through the global exchange of ceramics design and culture with its theme of "International exchange of soil and flame -From you, From Now, From Here."

Prize-winners will be announced in late July.

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