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#### PRESS STATEMENT

## Ana Carolina Rodrigues receives the Clifford Chance/University of the Arts London Sculpture Award 2016

The Clifford Chance/University of the Arts London Sculpture Award 2016 has been given to **Ana Carolina Rodrigues**, who completed her MA studies at Chelsea College of Art in 2015. The £3750 Award gives the selected artist the opportunity to display her sculpture in the Reception of Clifford Chance's offices at Canary Wharf for six months.

Carolina Rodrigues' successful proposal will see her sculpture located across the Reception, integrated with the space and setting up a dialogue with the surrounding architectural environment. Caroline intends that her sculptures, with their dense coloured pigment surfaces enclosing carved and folded interiors volumes, will bring a sense of enchantment, and instigate and encourage curiosity amongst the viewers.

The Clifford Chance Art Group, who selected **Carolina Rodrigues** (b. 1985, Portugal) from a shortlist compiled by the University, responded to the clarity of her proposal. They felt that the wood and ceramic sculptures would bring an organic, corporeal feel to the Reception, contrasting its transparent and light filled aspect with dark, absorbing objects that would intrigue visitors to the building: the angular, rational architectural styling at odds with these discrete, natural forms.

Commenting on receiving the Award, Carolina Rodrigues said 'the Award is the external recognition of a long process of work that actually started in Chelsea College of Arts, when I decided to face a period of unknown about my practice. It is obviously an encouragement and a financial support that helps me in my creative work. But, above all, it is an honour to receive it and have the privilege to exhibit at Clifford Chance.' With the Award, now in its 11<sup>th</sup> year, Clifford Chance are delighted to demonstrate their ongoing support for the artists completing their studies in London's art school.

#### **Notes to Editors:**

- The Clifford Chance/University of the Arts London Sculpture Award 2016 was open to postgraduate students graduating from one of the University's six constituent colleges in 2015, working in any media.
- 2. CarolinA Rodrigues' installation at Clifford Chance, 10 Upper Bank Street, Canary Wharf, London E14 runs from 4 April 14 October 2016 and is open to the public by appointment only. Contact 020 7006 5183 for an appointment.
- 3. Past recipients of the Award include: 2005 MJ Whelan, Chelsea College of Art & Design; 2006 George Henry Longly, Central Saint Martins College of Art & Design; 2007 Simona Brinkmann, Central Saint Martins College of Art & Design; 2008 Nick Hornby, Chelsea College of Art & Design, 2009 Mark Selby, Wimbledon College of Art, 2010 Glynn Griffiths, Wimbledon College of Art; 2011 Aaron Distler, Chelsea College of Art & Design; 2012 David Ben White, Chelsea College of Art & Design; 2013 Ana Catarina Pereira, Chelsea College of Art & Design; 2014 Tanja Engelberts, Chelsea College of Art and Design, 2015 Ana Milenkovic, Wimbledon College of Art
- 4. For further information about Carolina Rodrigues, see <a href="mailto:anacarolinarodrigues085.blogspot.co.uk">anacarolinarodrigues085.blogspot.co.uk</a>
- 5. Operating at the heart of the world's creative capital, University of the Arts London is a vibrant international centre for innovative teaching and research in art, design, fashion, communication and performing arts. The University's unique creative community is made up of six distinctive and distinguished Colleges: Camberwell College of Arts, Central Saint Martins, Chelsea College of Arts, London College of Communication, London College of Fashion and Wimbledon College of Arts. Renowned names in the cultural and creative sectors produced by the University include 12 Turner prize winners and over half of all nominees, 10 out of 17 fashion designers named British Designer of the Year, more than half of the designers showcased in London Fashion Week, 12 out of 30 winners of the Jerwood Photography Award and seven winners of the Prince Philip Designers Prize.
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### **Ana Carolina Rodrigues**



Indigo Matter 2015 wood and pigment, 300x2x5cm



Convulsion 2015 porcelain and Ultramarine pigment, 35x40x50cm