

Two Writtle School of Design students taking the art world by storm!

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Two Writtle College students are already taking the art world by storm, winning awards and being featured in high-profile exhibitions.

Liz Sterry, who graduated with a BA (Hons) in Contemporary Art and Design in 2012 and is now studying for an MA by Dissertation in Art and Design, also at Writtle College, has just won the Quay Arts Open Exhibition: DUET with fellow artist Holly Cade, who she collaborated with over social media despite never meeting her.

The award from the Isle of Wight gallery is the latest in a string of successes for the 30-year-old from Chelmsford.

Her art installation Kay's Blog will soon be starring in a ground-breaking exhibition of digital art titled 'Digital Zoo' which will tour to UK shopping centres, reaching an audience of up to a million people. Made whilst she was a second year undergraduate at Writtle, and featured in Wired magazine at the time, the work recreated the bedroom of a Canadian teenager she had never met through the information given on the internet.

She is also about to feature in an exhibition called 'Image Conscious' at Marburae Art Gallery, Cheshire, which is billed as 'bringing together 14 of the most innovative photographers from across the country with wild subject matter and techniques'.

Work by fellow Writtle School of Design student Sam Humphreys, who is in her third year of a BA (Hons) Contemporary Art and Design degree, has been selected for a professional show at the University of Leicester's own gallery, which explores what art can teach us about the effects of violence against women and girls. Sam's affecting images feature Barbie dolls in surprising situations of domestic violence.

The accolade comes after Sam, from Bocking, near Braintree, was named a finalist in a competition to find work to represent the title of Mark Owen's new solo album, which saw her work featured across Mark's official online social channels. She also won a Chelmsford photography prize last year.

Pryle Behrman, Writtle College's Art and Design course manager, congratulated Liz and Sam, adding: "To have the work of two of our current students being exhibited in high-profile venues across the country is very impressive and is another example of our students beginning to win recognition outside of the College even before they have completed their studies with us."

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