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Ilana Elovic Prize winner announced

Award-winning artist Amnon Ben-Ami was awarded the first-ever Ilana Elovic Bezalel Prize for Painting, named in memory of self-taught Israeli-American artist Ilana Elovic. The award was presented to Ben-Ami by Ilana's husband, Dr. Eugene Elovic, Prof. Arnon Zuckerman, president of Bezalel Academy, Rivka Saker, chair of Sotheby's Israel and artist Michal Rovner.



DR EUGENE ELOVIC (left) with prizewinner Amnon Ben-Ami. (Eran Lamm)

The prize, which was launched internationally in December in search of a deserving Israeli artist, comprises an award of \$20,000 as well as a catalog and solo exhibition at the Bezalel Gallery, Yaffo 23, in Jerusalem in November 2012.

The panel of judges included Professor Zuckerman, Professor Nahum Tevet, artist and Bezalel faculty member, Yigal Zalmona, well-known curator Rovner, and Saker. Ben-Ami has presented numerous solo exhibitions during his 30-year career. These include exhibitions at the Tel Aviv Artists' Studio, the Chelouche Gallery for Contemporary Art and the Dvir Gallery, among others.

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