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# ArtPrize 2012 will introduce new \$100,000 juried grand prize for fourth exhibition next September

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GRAND RAPIDS - ArtPrize 2012 is introducing a new \$100,000 juried grand prize as well as larger juried prizes for the fourth exhibition coming in September 2012 to Grand Rapids.

Total cash prizes will rise to \$560,000.

"Clearly the largest total art prize in the world," said social media entrepreneur Rick DeVos, who founded ArtPrize in 2009.

But the value of the top prizes in the popular vote will drop from \$250,000 and \$100,000 for first and second place to \$200,000 and \$75,000.

Cash prizes for third place remains \$50,000. Identical prizes for fourth through 10th place will drop from \$7,000 to \$5,000.

In all, \$360,000 in cash prizes will be awarded to the Top 10 favorites of registered voters, casting electronic ballots, on Oct. 5.

A total of \$200,000 will be awarded by jurors, including \$20,000 each for five awards plus the overall juried grand prize in the final days of the 19-day exhibition, Sept. 19 through Oct. 7.



Mia Tavonatti, the 2011 ArtPrize 1st place winner, for "Crucifixion." reacts after receiving her award during the ceremony at DeVos Performance Hall. ( Rex Larsen | The Grand Rapids Press ) ArtPrize 2011 awards ceremony gallery (27 photos)

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"The goal has been to prompt the dialog and play with the tension between the popular vote and the professional," DeVos said.

ArtPrize officials made the pitch this morning for corporate support for an invited audience of community leaders and potential donors in St. Cecilia Music Center, including becoming the title sponsor of the juried award grand prize.

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Last year, the non-profit 501(c)3 corporation set a goal of raising \$1.6 million and raised \$1.8 million, led by a \$100,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Arts.

"ArtPrize is a young organization, and even the organization still is learning how to play this game," DeVos said.

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That could be possible, but highly unlikely I'm sure.

So with this new format could someone potentially win in both the popular and juror



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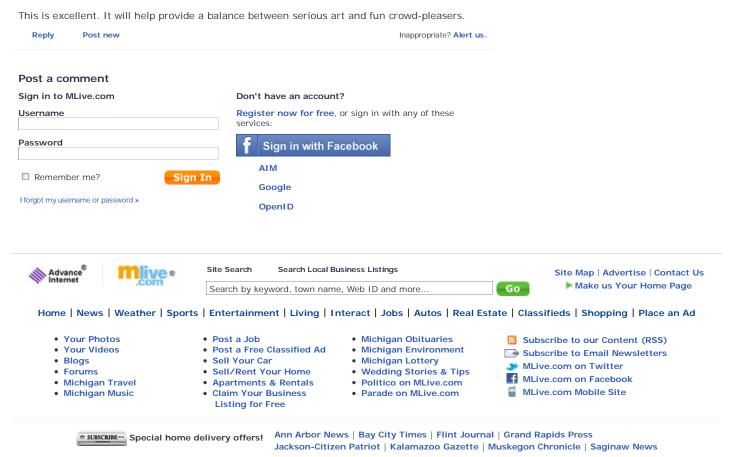
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