



Visual poem:  
*The Factory*

## 2015 DEPICT! WINNERS ANNOUNCED

**The Factory comes out on top in Society-sponsored award**

The short film *The Factory* has been revealed as the winner of the 2015 RPS Cinematography Award at the Depict! super-short filmmaking competition. The film, which features an old man ruminating on an ominous-looking factory overlooking a once-prosperous town, was made by a collective of five filmmakers that operates under the name Workhouse.

'This was the first time we entered the competition, so we're delighted and surprised,'



A still from winning film *Hand Maid*

said spokesperson Thomas Phelan. '*The Factory* was initially a more ambitious concept, but we realised that we were deviating from the story we wanted to tell. We decided to boil the story down to a visual poem, which coincided with the competition brief.'

So does Phelan have any tips for Society members thinking of entering Depict!?' 'An actual beginning, middle and end is a challenge, but if you achieve it, your work will stand out. Be economical with every single element of the film, and think of the storytelling potential.'

Meanwhile, the winner of the main Depict! award, part-funded by the Society, was the Moroccan film *Hand Maid* by Karim Souissi, Robin Wijnhold and Reda Zniber, which tells the story of a day in the life of a Moroccan maid through her hands.

See more at [bit.ly/depictwinners](http://bit.ly/depictwinners)

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### COMBINED ROYAL COLLEGES LECTURE

▶ The recipient of last year's Combined Royal Colleges medal, Emeritus Professor Adolf Friedrich Fercher, will give a lecture at the Royal College of Physicians in London on Tuesday 17 November. The closing date for nominations for the Combined Royal Colleges medal is 11 January 2016. Download a nomination form at [rps.org/awards/nominate](http://rps.org/awards/nominate), and email it to [Jo Macdonald at awards@rps.org](mailto:Jo.Macdonald@rps.org)

#### JAMES BALOG LECTURE

▶ James Balog will give his lecture 'Human Tectonics: Ice, Fire, and Life in the Anthropocene' at Regent Street Cinema in London on 2 December. To book visit [bit.ly/RPSBalog](http://bit.ly/RPSBalog)

#### 2016 AWARDS

▶ Nominations are open for the Society's 2016 awards. Visit [rps.org/awards](http://rps.org/awards)

#### ABBIE TRAYLER-SMITH LECTURE

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