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Result of The 2009 Hand & Lock Prize for Embroidery:

London – 2009 introduced the Open category of the Hand & Lock Prize for Embroidery, Embroidery's most prestigious prize. In its ninth year this new category brought creativity and innovation. The winner was Lucie Bourreau: the first winner from France.

After selecting 24 finalists out of the 330 entrants from 24 different countries The Judges evaluated each on the following criteria: interpretation of the brief and overall impact; design development, technique, materials, presentation, commercial viability.

The winners of the 2009 Hand & Lock Prize for Embroidery were:

Open category:

- 1st Lucie Bourreau, France
- 2nd Renee Lindell, UK
- 3rd Yumiko Komai, Japan
- Commendation Theresa Alexander USA

Student category:

- 1st Beatrice Newman, De Montfort University (UK)
- 2nd Aisling Eagan, National College of Art & Design Dublin (Ireland)
- 3rd Claire Goodwin, Nottingham Trent University (UK)
- Commendation Marian Toledo, Central St Martins College of Art & Design (UK)

Swarovski Prize: Claire Goodwin from Nottingham Trent University

Madeira Prize: Nottingham Trent University

Australian Prize: Karen Torrisi

Cash Prizes

- 1st Prize: \$10 000 USD
- 2nd Prize: \$2 000USD
- 3rd Prize: \$1 000USD

The Prize Giving will be at the Hand & Lock's 3rd. international Conference 'Embroidery...with Style' held in conjunction with Glasgow Caledonian University in Glasgow on 31st. October 2009 at which there will be a Fashion Show with all the finalists work, tickets still available at www.handembroidery.com

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