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Nourhan Refaat of Egypt has claimed top spot and the main prize of R225 000 in the 2016 Barclays L'Atelier competition.

Sanava-Barclays (South Africa)

Barclays L'Atelier is one of Africa's most prestigious art competitions. It rewards young visual artists aged 21 to 35 with the opportunity to develop their talents abroad. A look through the list of previous winners will testify to this. Building on the platform created in 2015, the competition is continuing to expand across Africa, opening in a number of countries, where Barclays Africa has a presence. Artists who are permanent residents of and residing in either South Africa, Botswana, Zambia, Ghana, Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Egypt, Mauritius or Seychelles are invited to enter. The Barclays L'Atelier art competition is run in conjunction with our partner, the South African National Association for the Visual Arts (SANAVA)". There are also a number of other key partners that play a valuable role in the overall success and impact of the competition. This includes the French Embassy in South Africa, the Alliance Francaise and French Institute in South Africa, Bag Factory Art Studios, Ampersand Foundation and Sylt Quelle Foundation, as well as each of the galleries and organisations that serve as collection points in each of the countries.