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Press Release

FORMER STUDENT RETURNS TO CRC TO PRESENT UNIQUE ARTWORK TO SMARTLIFE CENTRE

Renowned artist and former Cambridge Regional College student Adam Bridgland returned to Cambridge yesterday to present two unique prints to hang in the new SmartLife Low Carbon Centre – copies of his stunning artwork installed on the roof of the £3million building.

Adam, whose work is collected by, among others, the British Museum, the V&A and Debbie Harry, won a commission to create a piece of public art for the SmartLife centre, which was installed earlier this month.

The 2.4metre square enamel panels with a pinwheel design are designed to be lit up after dark with a pattern of LED lights.



Adam Bridgland with prints of his artwork at the SmartLife Low Carbon Centre

Yesterday, Adam presented prints of the work to hang in the foyer and meeting room of the building, a centre for teaching renewable energy technologies and the result of a partnership between CRC and Cambridgeshire County Council.

Adam, 32, who did an Art Foundation Diploma at CRC and whose family lives in Ely, said he was delighted to be commissioned to create the artwork for the building.

“I was honoured to work on something for CRC. I had a great time at the College and made a lot of friends there who are now professional artists,” he said.

“The work for SmartLife was inspired by windmills because the building is a centre for renewable technology, and because I come from the Fens.”

Adam, who now lives and works in London after graduating with a Masters in Fine Art from the Royal College of Art, has exhibited widely in the UK, Europe, Asia and America. The British Museum, the V&A, UBS, Boeing Asia and Blondie star Debbie Harry are all collectors of his work.

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NOTES TO EDITORS

Cambridge Regional College is one of the largest providers of full-time further education for 16 to 19 year-olds in the eastern region. The College has more than 4,000 full-time and 6,000 part-time students, coming from a 40-mile radius, covering Cambridge and its surrounding villages, eastern Bedfordshire, northern Essex and western Suffolk. Over 80 per cent of full-time students are aged 16 to 18 years old and come to the College after secondary school; the rest are mature students, studying on a range of Access to Higher Education and vocational programmes. The College offers the largest and most comprehensive range of vocational courses in Cambridgeshire, and has one of the largest work-based learning contracts in the Eastern Region.