

The AP logo consists of the letters 'AP' in a bold, black, sans-serif font. The 'A' and 'P' are positioned side-by-side. The logo is set against a white background that is part of a larger blue and red graphic element at the top of the page.

California artist is winner of 2015 Robert De Niro Sr. Prize

Jan. 05, 2016

NEW YORK (AP) — California-based artist Laura Owens has been named the winner of an annual award named for Robert De Niro's late father.

The \$25,000 Robert De Niro Sr. Prize is presented to a mid-career American artist in the field of painting.

It was announced Monday by actor Robert De Niro, who created the prize in 2011 to honor his father, a celebrated abstract expressionist painter.

He says Owens is creating her own legacy through her artwork.

Owens is known for her very large paintings with a variety of art historical references.

In 2003, she became the youngest artist to have a retrospective at the Museum of Contemporary Art in Los Angeles. She teaches at the Art Center College of Design in Pasadena, California.

The prize is administered by the Tribeca Film Institute.