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University of Lincoln graduate wins award

A University of Lincoln BA (Honours) graduate in Furniture, Jason Heap, has won the Cabinet Maker Magazine Young Designer of the Year award.

This is the second year running that a University of Lincoln graduate has claimed the title. The award will be presented to Jason during *Interiors Birmingham*, a furniture show currently exhibiting at the Birmingham NEC.

Jason said: "I am extremely grateful to Cabinet Maker for this unique opportunity to receive this award at such a prestigious event as *Interiors Birmingham*. I would also like to thank the staff at the University for all their help and support during my time there."

Award sponsor, Cabinet Maker Magazine, has described Jason as "a sustainably aware designer and maker of high quality innovative bespoke furniture which is sculptural in form but retains its functionality." His winning piece is known as Infinity + 1 and is a hand-crafted table designed to be a piece of functional sculpture. The contemporary design is based on a development of the symbol for infinity and reflects Jason's love of water, featuring sleek lines with a traditional finish.

Working predominantly with wood, Jason is focused on producing environmentally friendly pieces, using mainly British timber in order to create a unique and captivating look to his pieces.

Neil Simpson, Senior Lecturer of the BA (Hons) Furniture course at the University of Lincoln said: '**Jennifer to insert quote here.**'

Jason has also been highly commended in the Wood Awards, the UK's premier award scheme for the use of wood in building and furniture.

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