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Furniture graduate wins national award

A University of Lincoln BA (Honours) graduate in Furniture has won a national design award. Furniture designer Jason Heap won the *Cabinet Maker Magazine* Young Designer of the Year award, which was presented during *Interiors Birmingham*, a furniture show that exhibited at the Birmingham NEC last month.

Jason, 22, who graduated last year, said: "I am delighted and honoured to have won and would like to thank the staff at the University, along with my fellow students, 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 conscious furniture, using British timber where possible to create a unique and captivating look to his pieces.

Neil Simpson, Senior Lecturer of the BA (Honours) Furniture course at The University of Lincoln said: "Jason thoroughly deserves this award. He was a highly enthusiastic and committed student, achieving a first class honours degree. He very capably demonstrates that combining innovative thought and advanced practical skills can produce excellent results that are recognised both by the general public and industry. We have now taken first prize at this event two years running, which highlights the potential for students attending the course at Lincoln."

Since graduating, Jason has been employed by Litton Furniture in Dorset. He also designs and makes his own furniture. 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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