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Britain's hottest young talent

At last, our Bright New Things awards – the Oscars of the design world – have been announced. And the lucky winners are...

◀ 1st Prize Lee Ackland

Lee wowed our judges with his Light Switch Light, which looks like a plain wall-mounted switch until you wave at it and it lights up! RCA graduate Lee, 25, works from a studio in a derelict library (rent: £10 a month), but as he bagged top prize of 10 grand, that's all about to change.

HOW MUCH? Around £98 each.

TRACKING HIM DOWN Contact Lee on 020-7249 0416.

2nd Prize Tim Hitchens

Tim, 23, worked in The Conran Shop, until the frustration of selling furniture rather than making it got too much. He spent his last month's wages on a welding kit, and hasn't looked back since. 'My studio is, er, my back yard, or if it's raining, my kitchen,' he admits. His clever birch plywood table works as three side tables or one chunky coffee table.

HOW MUCH? £1,100 each.

TRACKING HIM DOWN Contact Tim on 07931 382754.

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