

Striking images head of the class

EXHIBITION

Head On Portrait Prize

Australian Centre Of Photography,
257 Oxford St, Paddington; until
June 5, free, 93321455, acp.org.au

A FATHER and his premature baby, a drag king and a man called Mike are the subjects of the three portraits that have together taken out the top gong at the 2010 Head On Portrait Prize, announced last Friday night.

The works by photographers Gil Meydan, Fiona Wolf and Karl Schwerdtfeger were chosen from a pool of 40 finalists out of 2200 entries. They were described by the judges in



Winners: (from left) Portraits by Fiona Wolf, Karl Schwerdtfeger and Gil Meydan

turn as being able to "transcend words", being "playful and sassy" and having "quiet intensity".

The three winners were awarded more than \$50,000 in prizes altogether. The finalists in the portrait prize are now on display at the Australian Centre Of Photography.

The exhibition is part of the Head On Photo Festival, which is taking place in 67 galleries around Sydney until June 5. The festival features special events, including a photography seminar and trade show, slide nights and workshops. **Alex Lalak**