



Mouse Shoes, by Peter Laing, 1st Place Primary 4-7
Theme 'Super Shoes – Higher, Faster, Further'

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WINNERS ANNOUNCED FOR THE NATIONAL GALLERIES OF SCOTLAND ART COMPETITION FOR SCHOOLS 2011

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The best young artists in the country are to be celebrated on 16 June 2011 at the Scottish National Gallery, when the prize-winners of this year's Art Competition for Schools will receive their awards. Fantastic prizes for individual winners, classes and schools will be collected by over fifty of Scotland's most talented young artists and their prize-winning works of art will be exhibited at the gallery throughout the summer, followed by further exhibitions elsewhere in Scotland.

A record-breaking 5,895 entries were received this year with winners coming from across Scotland including Irvine, the Isle of Lewis and Buckhaven to receive their prizes and to see their work on display at

the Scottish National Gallery. Entrants faced tough competition in all six categories: nursery, primary schools (P1-3 and P4-7), secondary schools, special education schools and groups. Young artists were inspired by a variety of themes centring on key artworks from the National Galleries' collection. As Scottish Widows is an official sponsor of the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games, this year young artists were asked to respond to themes with an Olympic flavour: Celebrate; Splish, Splash, Splosh; Super Shoes – Higher, Faster, Further; Move Your Body; and Traces, Tracks and Trails. Prizes include fabulous art materials for individuals, all-expenses-paid workshops (including travel costs) for classes and great resources for schools. In addition a calendar for 2012 featuring the work of the top winners will be sent to every school in Scotland as well as being for sale in all the gallery shops.

John Leighton, Director-General of the National Galleries of Scotland said: "Many congratulations to all the winners in this year's competition. Here at the National Galleries of Scotland we are delighted that so many young people are engaging with the national collection in such a positive and creative way."

John Penman, Director of Communications, Lloyds Banking Group Insurance and Scotland said: "The standard of entry has once again been remarkably high. As we head towards the 2012 Olympics, Scottish Widows is delighted to play its part in inspiring and supporting young people across Scotland to use their artistic talent and imagination."

The exhibition of 53 wonderful winning works will be on show at the Scottish National Gallery from 11 June – 19 October 2011. The show will tour to other venues in Scotland. Details for this will be announced later in the year along with information about next year's competition.

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NOTES TO EDITORS

ABOUT THE NATIONAL GALLERIES OF SCOTLAND ART COMPETITION FOR SCHOOLS

The National Galleries of Scotland Art Competition for Schools aims to encourage young artists and to make the national collection accessible to children at all levels. The competition is open to every nursery, primary and secondary school child in Scotland (up to S2 level) including special education schools (around 6,000 schools in total). Since the inception of the competition in 2004, more than 1,000 schools have entered with over 25,000 children using and enjoying the collections of the National Galleries of Scotland.

WINNERS 2011

CATEGORY A: Nursery Schools

1st: Dylan McCallum, Craigmillar
2nd: Cassie Blake, Livingston
3rd: Lily Asieh Soudagar, Edinburgh
Special Merit: Lewis Gillies, Inverness
Special Merit: Calum MacLennan, Edinburgh
Special Merit: Logan Clapperton, Musselburgh
Special Merit: Du Du Wan, Edinburgh
Special Merit: Megan Philip, Livingston
Special Merit: Ethan Hunter, Aberdeen
Special Merit: Eleece Inverarity, Musselburgh

CATEGORY B: Primary 1 to Primary 3

1st: Jack Wilson, Edinburgh
2nd: Kyle McGeechan, Edinburgh
3rd: Ali El-Marsafawy, Aberdeen
Special Merit: Julia Pleasance, Balfron
Special Merit: Armani Crosbie, Kelloholm
Special Merit: Sarah Ann Murray, Isle of Lewis
Special Merit: Sam Worley, Edinburgh
Special Merit: Jordan Markey, Livingston
Special Merit: Leo Sheridan, Newtongrange
Special Merit: Cara Constable, Edinburgh

CATEGORY C: Primary 4 to Primary 7

1st: Peter Laing, Perth
2nd: Robbie Campbell, Newton Mearns
3rd: Andrew Marsden, Johnshaven
Special Merit: Gilleasbuig Macvicar, Portree
Special Merit: Sky McMahon, Dumfries
Special Merit: Jamie Boyd, Edinburgh
Special Merit: Alex Fleming, Clackmannanshire
Special Merit: Sophie Beaton, Dalgety Bay
Special Merit: Troy Kincaid, Milnnavie
Special Merit: Oceanna Black, Edinburgh

CATEGORY D: S1 and S2

1st: Sophie Ward, Edinburgh
2nd: Jenna Walker, Penicuik
3rd: Kirill Chernick, Newton Mearns
Special Merit: Olivia Graham, Clackmannanshire
Special Merit: Catalina Runcie, Edinburgh
Special Merit: Bobby Crockart, Perth
Special Merit: Clare Masson, Edinburgh
Special Merit: Jonathan Stark, Edinburgh
Special Merit: Joshua Fried, Edinburgh
Special Merit: Abbas Hashmi, Newton Mearns

CATEGORY E: Special Education Schools

1st: Dawid Stepien, Edinburgh
2nd: Peter Carruthers, Glasgow
3rd: Ali Middlemas, Fraserburgh
Special Merit: Lewis Youngs, Edinburgh
Special Merit: Rhys Smith, Edinburgh
Special Merit: Alice Wilson, Edinburgh
Special Merit: Steinar Sanderson, Aberdeen
Special Merit: Zak Barker, Buckhaven
Special Merit: Daniel McHardy, Edinburgh
Special Merit: Alastair Elliott, Edinburgh

CATEGORY F: Groups

1st: Roseburn Primary School, Edinburgh
2nd: Knightsridge Primary School, Livingston
3rd: Stanecastle School, Irvine