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Zofia Magnucka, Fort Primary School, Edinburgh
1st place Cat A - Birds

Budding Scottish artists rewarded in record-breaking year for NGS Art Competition for Schools

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The best young artists in the country are to be celebrated on 18 June 2008 at the National Galleries of Scotland, when the prize-winners of the 2008 Art Competition for Schools will receive their awards from John Leighton, Director General of the NGS. Fantastic prizes for individual winners, classes and schools will be collected by over fifty of Scotland's brightest young things and their prize-winning works of art will tour the country for the next year. Lord Leitch will also speak at the ceremony as Chairman of Scottish Widows, who are sponsoring the competition for a third consecutive year.

With a record-breaking 4,016 entries received this year, entrants faced tough competition in all six categories: nursery, primary schools (P1-3 and P4-7), secondary schools, special education schools and groups. Competition entries were based on selected NGS works, with the aim of encouraging Scottish schoolchildren to interact with and seek inspiration from works in their national collection. The competition was launched online in December when

schools from all over Scotland were invited to enter. Thousands of artworks were subsequently received from places as far apart as Ballindalloch and the Borders.

Praising the high standard of entries this year, Linda McClelland, event organiser, said: “The standard of entries received this year has been outstanding, clearly demonstrating the creativity being nurtured in Scottish schools. I am delighted that the exhibition is to go on tour once again, making it easily accessible to the public throughout the coming year.”

Lord Leitch, Chairman of Scottish Widows, said: “This competition offers a great opportunity to encourage creativity in children and Scottish Widows is delighted to be supporting the National Galleries once again this year. With such an overwhelming response from across the country, competition for winning prizes has been tough and I would like to congratulate all the winners. I’m sure that the experience will have helped nurture the talents of these budding artists which will be appreciated by all those who visit the exhibitions as it tours Edinburgh, Glasgow and Inverness.”

As part of last year’s touring exhibition, works from the 2007 competition were displayed in Aberdeen Royal Infirmary from November 2007 to February 2008. These works were much praised by over 32,000 patients, visitors and hospital staff and so well was the work received that the hospital has arranged to purchase 6 of the pieces to add to their permanent collection. These six artists will be present at the prize-giving ceremony to collect their cheques.

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Further information and images from the NGS Press Office
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NOTES TO EDITORS:

From Wednesday 18 June, the 53 winning pieces will be on show in the Weston Link at the National Galleries of Scotland before touring to the Pentagon Business Centre, Glasgow and Raigmore Hospital, Inverness.

WINNERS:

Category A: Nursery Schools (Theme - Birds)

1st place

Zofia Magnucka, Edinburgh

2nd place

Allan John MacInness, Kyle

3rd place

Ross Elder, Kirkliston

Special Merit

Meghan Attah, Glasgow

Finn Loveman, Glasgow

Millie Sharkey, Edinburgh

Harris Ferrol, Aberdeen

Sam James, Croy

Ani Stewart, Lauder

Charlie Hamilton, Edinburgh

Category B: Primary 1-3 (Theme - Can You See the Music?)

1st place

Ben Mitchell, Bonnyrigg

2nd place

Paul Dowdeswell, Dalkeith

3rd place

Jack Scanlon, Edinburgh

Special Merit

Alexander Khaleeli, Edinburgh

Blair Grant, Edinburgh

Vicky Goodwin, Perth

Fraser Morrison, Blairgowrie

Ryan Hartley, Dollar

Katrina Bruce, Pathhead

Gregor Malone, Edinburgh

Category C: Primary 4-7 (Theme - Sit in Splendour)

1st place

Paul Weir, Loanhead

2nd place

Jake Scollay, Auchtertool

3rd place

Robbie Campbell, Glasgow

Special Merit

Marc Jackson, Livingston

Jed Clelland, Edinburgh

Lewis MacLeod, Isle of Colonsay

Matthew Lovie, Kintore

Jack Burrows, Inverness
Oliver Phillips, New Galloway
Megan, Dollar

Category D: S1 and S2 (Theme - Art to Wear)

1st place

Holly Joanne Sutherland, Edinburgh

2nd place

Kyle McAllister, Penicuik

3rd place

Ross McDonald, Perth

Special Merit

Rebecca Houston, Aberdeen

Megan Laing, Edinburgh

Jack Reid, Dunfermline

Fiona Glen, Edinburgh

Jennifer McGhee, East Kilbride

Kirsty Mearns, Dollar

Sarah Martin, Arbroath

Category E: Special Education Schools (Theme - Come Closer)

1st place

Anthony Knights, Edinburgh

2nd place

Kyle Tilley, Irvine

3rd place

Michael Carmichael, Glasgow

Special Merit

William Dickson, Irvine

Jamie Kamal, Edinburgh

Cody Fairgrieve, Edinburgh

Sarah McLean, Edinburgh

Gordon Irvine, Glasgow

Rei Komiya, Edinburgh

Michaela Donnelly, Edinburgh

Category F: Group Work (Theme - selected from other categories)

1st place

Hillside School, Aberdour

2nd place

Knightsridge Primary School Livingston

3rd place

St Serf's Primary School, Alloa