

Photocall: 12.15pm – 1.30pm, Wednesday 17 June 2009
Award Ceremony: 1.30pm - 2.30pm, Wednesday 17 June 2009
NATIONAL GALLERY COMPLEX, The Mound, Edinburgh, EH2 2EL



Bailie Cuthbert, Hawthornden Primary School , Bonnyrigg
2nd Place Category B 'A Super Duper Animal' Primary 1-3

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 17 June 2009 at the National Galleries of Scotland, when the prize-winners of the 2009 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 most talented young artists and their prize-winning works of art will tour the country for the next year. Keith Brown MSP for Schools and Skills will speak at the event to congratulate the winners. In addition Douglas Johnson, Director of Public Affairs will represent Scottish Widows who are sponsoring the competition for a fourth consecutive year.

With a record-breaking 5,796 entries received this year, a 44% increase on last year. 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 including Food is Fantastic, Super Duper Animal, A Sense of Place, and

Look Up Look Down. The competition was launched online in December when schools from all over Scotland were invited to enter. Thousands of artworks were subsequently received from across Scotland from Portree to Perth.

Praising the high standard of entries this year, Linda McClelland, event organiser, said:
“The judges always have a difficult task but with a 44% increase in entry numbers, 2009 has proved a particularly memorable year. After last year’s hugely successful exhibition, which toured to venues in Inverness and Glasgow, we hope the 2009 show can be another record breaker!”

As part of last year’s touring exhibition, works from the 2008 competition were displayed in Pentagon Centre in Glasgow from November 2008 to January 2009 and then to the Raigmore Hospital, Inverness from February to May 2009. Work by winners of the 2009 competition will tour to two venues across Scotland.

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

From Wednesday 17 June until 20 October 2009 the winning pieces will be on show in the Weston Link at the National Galleries of Scotland. Full details of how to enter in for 2010 will be online from August this year.

WINNERS:

Category A Nursery: Food is Fantastic

1st: Abbie Turner, Musselburgh
2nd: Megan O'Reilly Rae, Edinburgh
3rd: Alejandro Oroz Storm, Edinburgh
Special Merit: Ella Macmillan, Inverness
Special Merit: Emma Kelly, Nielston
Special Merit: Jasmine Tucker, Edinburgh
Special Merit: Ryan Brown, Edinburgh
Special Merit: Harry Moir, Aberdeen

Special Merit: Max von Habsburg, Edinburgh
Special Merit: Niamh McDougall, Bellsmyre

Category B Primary 1-3: A Super Duper Animal

1st: Ben Murray, Kelso
2nd: Baillie Cuthbert, Midlothian
3rd: Thomas Holmes, Edinburgh
Special Merit: Stuart Mackay, Edinburgh
Special Merit: Shadri Nel, Isle of Skye
Special Merit: Cerys Baird, Tarbert
Special Merit: Chelsea Horne, Midlothian
Special Merit: Leon Hepburn, Edinburgh
Special Merit: Ewan Hodgson, Pitlochry
Special Merit: Mark MacQueen, Isle of Skye

Category C Primary 4-7: Spring, Summer, Autumn, Winter

1st: Lara Bauchop, Edinburgh
2nd: Steven McDiarmid, Portree
3rd: Ruby Partridge, Isle of Skye
Special Merit: Sarah Robertson, Isle of Skye
Special Merit: Andrew Johnson, Inverkeithing
Special Merit: David Walker-Lothian, Clackmannanshire
Special Merit: Angelika Maly, Livingston
Special Merit: Sophie Miller, Edinburgh
Special Merit: Alistair Burnett, Perth
Special Merit: Zoe Kelly, Paisley

Category D S1-S2: A Sense of Place

1st: Alexander Crawford, Clackmannanshire
2nd: Stephanie Gibson, Ross-shire
3rd: Rory Irwin, Clackmannanshire
Special Merit: Ben Wilmot, Edinburgh
Special Merit: Linnet McGregor, Perth
Special Merit: Lucy Allison, Penicuik
Special Merit: Maxine Walker, Aberdeen
Special Merit: Katie Ross, Clackmannanshire
Special Merit: Jay Pettie, Perth
Special Merit: Eleanor Couser, Clackmannanshire

Category E Special Education Schools: Look Up, Look Down

1st: Jack Johnstone, Edinburgh
2nd: Daniel Cole, Glasgow
3rd: Jamie Kamal, Edinburgh
Special Merit: Liam Finlayson, Edinburgh
Special Merit: Thomas Williams, Port Glasgow
Special Merit: Mathew Coyle, Coatbridge

Special Merit: Matthew Docherty, Glasgow
Special Merit: Lorna Shimmons, Edinburgh
Special Merit: Tony Schofield, Edinburgh
Special Merit: Christopher Graham, Glasgow

Category F Group Work

1st: Hillside School, Aberdour
2nd: Prospect Bank School, Edinburgh
3rd: Wester Coates Nursery, Edinburgh