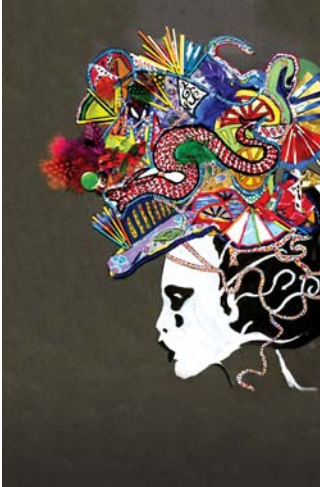


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1st Place, Category D S1-S2 2010,  
Theme 'Head Sculpture', Emma Buchanan,  
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## **LAST CHANCE TO ENTER NATIONAL GALLERIES OF SCOTLAND ART COMPETITION FOR SCHOOLS 2011**

Sponsored by Scottish Widows

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Now is the last chance to enter the National Galleries of Scotland Art Competition for Schools 2011, sponsored by Scottish Widows. Schools from across Scotland are invited to enter this innovative competition which encourages children to be inspired by the national art collection and to make their own artworks in response. The closing date for entry is the 6<sup>th</sup> May 2011, in just 7 weeks time.

Now in its eighth year the competition has attracted over 25,000 entries since its launch in 2003, all inspired by artworks from the national art collection. Exhibitions of winning work from this well established competition have travelled from Edinburgh to Glasgow, Aberdeen, Inverness, Fort William, Stirling, Banff and Berwick-upon-Tweed attracting huge audiences.

There are six categories for nursery, lower and upper primary, secondary, special education schools and group entries. As Scottish Widows is an official sponsor of the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games, this year young artists have been 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.

John Penman, Head of Communications of Scottish Widows, sponsors of the National Galleries of Scotland Art Competition for Schools 2011, said: “We are delighted to have been able to support such a worthwhile and inspirational competition since 2005. It is always a surprise to see the standards of the entries and the enthusiasm of young artists across Scotland. We hope this year attracts just as many as past years and very much look forward to judging the various categories alongside other panel members.”

In addition the 53 winning works will go on tour after being exhibited at the National Gallery of Scotland. Art works by the 2010 award winners are presently on show at the St. Andrew’s Building, University of Glasgow until 31st May 2011.

The National Galleries of Scotland Art Competition for Schools is a real opportunity to put into practice the approaches encouraged in the Curriculum for Excellence. For full details, teacher notes and images to inspire, visit [nationalgalleries.org](http://nationalgalleries.org).

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## **NOTES TO EDITORS**

The closing date for the National Galleries of Scotland Art Competition for Schools 2011 is 6<sup>th</sup> May 2011

The Categories for the competition are as follows:

CATEGORY A: Nursery Schools

CATEGORY B: Primary 1 to Primary 3

CATEGORY C: Primary 4 to Primary 7

CATEGORY D: S1 and S2

CATEGORY E: Special Education Schools

CATEGORY F: Groups

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