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40th International Children's Exhibition of Fine Arts Lidice 2012

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Lidice Gallery at Lidice

Ceremonial opening: 30 May 2012 at 11 a.m.

Duration: 31 May - 31 October 2012

Opened daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Collection of entries from PS Červené Pečky

CEREMONIAL OPENING:

On Wednesday, 30 May 2012, in the presence of ambassadors and political and cultural figures of the Czech Republic, the **Lidice Gallery at Lidice** will host the ceremonial opening of the **40TH INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S EXHIBITION OF FINE ARTS LIDICE 2012**.

The attendance has been confirmed of First Deputy Minister of Culture of the CR František Mikeš and Chairwoman of the Czech Commission for UNESCO Prof. RNDr. Helena Illnerová, DrSc. From among the diplomatic missions of participating countries, the attendance is promised of the representatives of Afghanistan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Cuba, Denmark, Estonia, India, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Malaysia, Romania, Serbia, South Africa, Thailand, The Philippines, Turkey and Venezuela.

The ceremonial opening will see the best artists from the Czech Republic and abroad being awarded "Rose of Lidice" medals". This year, pupils of the school Kocaeli Bahcesehir Koleji from Turkey and two laureates from Riga will come to receive the Prize of the Panel of Judges.

Pupils of the Japan School in Prague will appear at the opening, while the accompanying programme will offer a concert by Tereza Vágnerová and Šárka Domišincová, with children being entertained with a theatrical performance, art workshops and entertaining games in the garden of the Lidice Gallery.

ABOUT THE EXHIBITION:

The exhibition and competition, as its name suggests, is organized annually to commemorate the murdered Lidice children. Although national initially, this exhibition became an international one in 1973 and now it is the oldest and one of the largest international exhibitions in Europe and in the world. The competition is intended for children from 4 to 16 years of age from schools and youth centres of every kind and the prevailing techniques are painting, drawing, printmaking, photography, ceramics and combined technique.

40TH ICEFA LIDICE:

The theme of this year's competition "THE THEATRE – THE PUPPET – THE FAIRYTALE", commemorating the 100th birth anniversary of Jiří Trnka, attracted children and teachers to such an extent that they contributed to the record number of this year's entries. Again, the panel of judges had to assess some more entries than in the previous year – more than 26,000 areal and spatial entries combined! The Lidice Gallery got filled with an incredible lot of puppets, ranging from Spejbl and Hurvinek over glove puppets to marionettes, of small home theatres, shadow theatres, designs of coulisses, curtains, masks and costumes. Also a lot of spectators, actors, directors, musicians and opera singers could be found among the entries.



Amélie Křenková, 5 years, Nursery School Lišov

We are pleased to say that more and more children from more and more countries are participating in the exhibition (newly e.g. Bahrain, South Africa, Pakistan, Portugal, Seychelles and Vietnam) and that the numbers of entries from individual countries (Hungary, Estonia, the United Kingdom) are rising as well. These facts suggest good work of the Czech diplomatic missions, which distribute information on the exhibition. As has become a tradition, among the well-received foreign entries were those by children from Bulgaria, India, Latvia, Malaysia, Turkey or Ukraine; it was also interesting to see entries from exotic countries we are not familiar with, such as Bahrain, Brunei, Kyrgyzstan and North Korea.

PRIZES:

Out of the total of **26,064 entries from 67 countries, 1,434** were selected by the panel of judges to win prizes, including **269 medals**. Out of **17, 404** foreign entries **724** won **prizes, including 122 medals**.

Czech children sent in **6,336 entries** this year and received 531 **prizes, including 104 medals**. The most successful were children from Primary Art School Kolín, PAS Háj ve Slezsku, PAS F.X. Richtera Holešov, PAS Humpolec, PAS Most, PAS Prostějov and PAS Strakonice.

Having sent in **2,295 entries** this year, Slovak schools received **179 prizes, including 43 medals**. The most successful participants were children from Primary School Rajec and PS Jarná Žilina, PAS J. Cikker Banská Bystrica, Dolný Kubín, PAS Dunajská Lužná, PAS A. Cigera Kežmarok, PAS Kováčska Košice, PAS Myjava, private PAS Trenčín and PAS's Gaštanová and F. Špániho Žilina.

Lidice will host the exhibition till 31st October 2012, then Riga in Latvia will follow in November 2012 and Vilnius in Lithuania in December 2012. After the international guesting, the reduced collection of entries will be on display at other places of the Czech Republic – e.g. at the Gallery of PAS Most. The touring sets of exhibits are available for loan to schools, libraries or other cultural facilities. You are cordially invited to visit any of these ICEFA venues.

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Lori-Anna Schellenberg, 8 years, Estonia



Tomáš Chytil, 5 years, Art School Háj ve Slezsku, CR



Ognyanova Hrisi, 8 years, Bulgaria

Important information for guests:

Location: The ceremonial opening will take place in the building of the Lidice Gallery at Lidice, 25 km from Prague (direction Kladno)

Parking: on the parking lot at the Lidice Gallery

Public transport: On 30 May 2012, buses from the underground terminal Dejvická, line A, (opposite to the hotel Diplomat) depart at: 9:25 (arrival 10:00), 10:05 (arrival 10:26), 10:30 (arrival 10:51).

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