

PRESS RELEASE

40th International Exhibition of fine Arts Lidice 2012

organized by the Lidice Memorial under the auspices of
Minister of Culture of the CR
Minister of Foreign Affairs of the CR
Minister of Education, Youth and Sports of the CR
Chairwoman of the Czech Commission for UNESCO

The 40th edition (again a record-breaking one) of the oldest and largest exhibition of children's artistic expressions in Europe, Lidice 2012, organized by the Lidice Memorial in co-operation with UNESCO, has come to an end. The winning entries can be seen at the Lidice Gallery from 31 May 2012. The ceremonial opening will be held in the presence of major figures and media on Wednesday, 30 May.

Collection of entries from PS Červené Pečky

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 tradition of the exhibition extends over forty years. I do not know any other international project of this kind with such a long history," says Ivona Kasalická, curator of the exhibition and head of the Lidice Gallery, adding: *"In total we received **record-breaking** 26,064 entries from 67 countries, among them e.g. Brunei, Ethiopia, The Philippines, Mongolia and North Korea"*. The assigned theme of the competition was The Theatre – The Puppet – the Fairytale in commemoration of the 100th birth anniversary of Jiří Trnka .

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Lori-Anna Schellenberg, 8 years, Estonia



Tomáš Chytil, 5 years, Art School Háje 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: Buses from the underground terminal Dejvická, line A, (opposite to the hotel Diplomat) depart on 30 May 2012: 9:25 (arrival 10:00), 10:05 (arrival 10:26), 10:30 (arrival 10:51).

Venue, duration: Lidice Gallery from 31 May to 31. October 2012

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

Curator: Ivona Kasalická

Exhibition design by: Milena Burgrová

Installation of the exhibition in the Lidice Gallery by: Milena Burgrová, Iva Petříčková, Eva Sýkorová

Co-operation: Zuzana Burgrová, Dintex s.r.o., Dana Heráňová (webmaster), Hana Staňková, Jitka Mahovská, Jekatěrina Hubníková, Oleg Javorovský, Lenka Kroupová

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