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41st International Children's Exhibition of Fine Arts 2013

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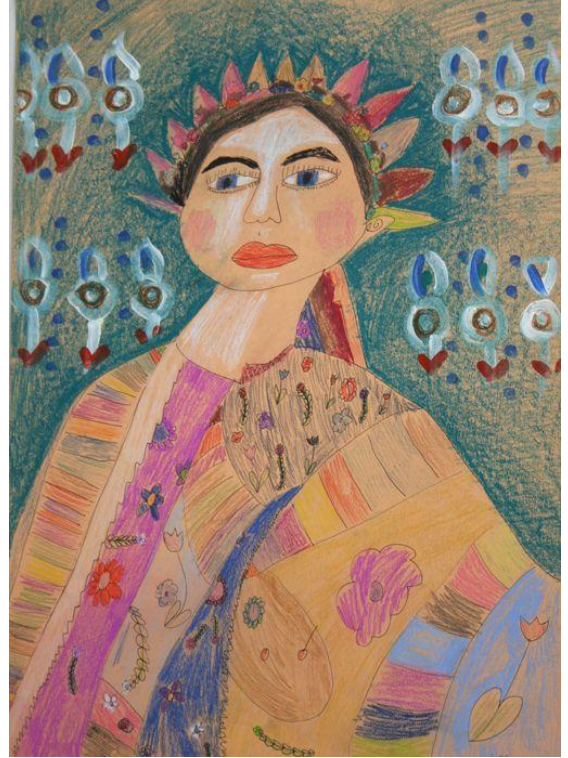
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Lea Fedorov, 6 years, K. Pádivý PAS, Trenčín, Slovak Republic

On Wednesday, **29 May 2013, 41ST INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S EXHIBITION OF FINE ARTS LIDICE 2013** opened in the presence of ambassadors and major political and cultural figures of the Czech Republic.

The event was attended by deputy minister of Culture PhDr. Anna Matoušková, Head of MFA Public Diplomacy Department Jan Bondy, Head of UNESCO Division of the Ministry of Culture Michal Beneš, Director General of Czech Centres Vilma Anýžová and Head of Division of Ethnic Culture Zuzana Malcová. From among the diplomatic missions of participating countries, there were present the ambassadors of Moldova, Slovakia and Venezuela, representatives of embassies of Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Egypt, Germany, Iran, Japan, Lithuania, Macedonia, Malaysia, Mexico, the Philippines, Serbia, Turkey and the U.S.A.

Due to bad weather, the award ceremony was moved to the community centre in Kladno where workshops and plays had been prepared for children by the Leisure-time Centre Labyrinth Kladno and plays with modelling clay took place under the guidance of a Venezuelan artist. The formal programme opened with the performance of the Children's Folklore Group Kordulka from Starý Poddvorov, a winner of Zlatý Oříšek Award. As the intangible cultural heritage listed at UNESCO had been the theme of this year's exhibition, they presented the dance "verbuňk", a piece of intangible heritage of the Czech Republic listed at UNESCO.

11 a.m. saw Director of the Lidice Memorial Milouš Červencí welcome the present guests, representatives of embassies as well as child winners and their accompanying adults and Deputy Minister of Culture Anna Matoušková give a speech.

After that, Head of MFA Public Diplomacy Department Jan Bondy and Director General of Czech Centres Vilma Anýžová joined the Deputy Minister to give prizes to 59 laureates from Czech schools.

Head of UNESCO Division of the Ministry of Culture Michal Beneš, Chairman of the Panel of Judges at ICEFA Lidice 2013 Josef Zedník and Ambassador of the Slovak Republic to the CR Peter Brňo ascended the stage to present the highest award. First a young artist from Melbourne (Australia) and a medallist from Primary Art School Bernolákova in Košice were presented their prizes. Then the highest awards were presented: the Prize of the Panel of Judges for a Czech School went to 4 medallists and teachers of the Primary Art School Háj ve Slezsku and the Prize of the Panel of Judges for a Foreign School was given to four medallists and teachers of the Primary Art School Holíč in Slovakia.

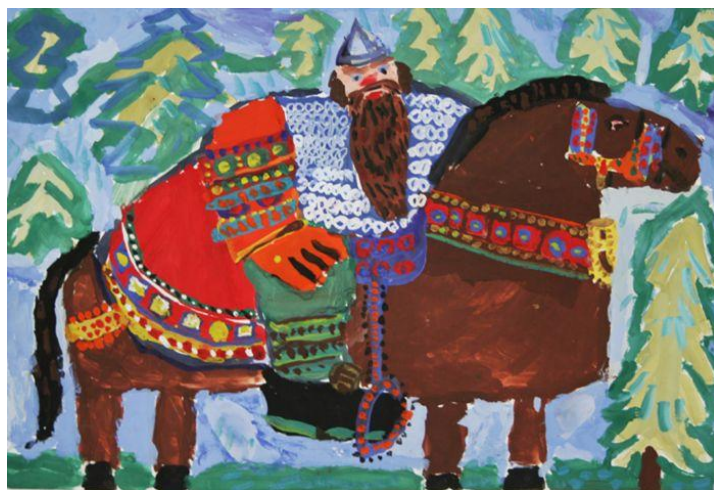
The awarded children could enjoy not only the 'Rose of Lidice' medal and certificate but also other valuable prizes – cups with a photo of their awarded picture printed on them as well as valuable books and keepsakes from ČSOB. They must have been surprised when they received their respective awarded picture in the form of a cardboard jigsaw, donated by the company Atlas. The glass palettes presented as the Prizes of the Panel of Judges were donated by the glass factory Rückl Crystal.

After the prize-giving ceremony in the community centre in Kladno ended, all guests moved to the Lidice Gallery where the ribbon was officially cut by the Deputy Minister Anna Matoušková, Director of Czech Centres Vilma Anýžová and the Lidice child-survivor Marie Šupíková. Then there was no hindrance to all guests being invited to tour the exhibition on the 1st floor of the Lidice Gallery, which was eagerly anticipated especially by the child winners. The time that followed saw upwards of 300 guests viewing 1,400 pictures and sculptures by children from the four corners of the world. The opening programme ended with some refreshments in the restaurant Lidice Gallery and the theatrical performance Pinocchio by the theatre company Já to jsem z Drahotěšic, which was a big success with children.

Lidice will host the exhibition **till 31st October 2013**. Then a reduced collection of entries will be on display at other places of the Czech Republic and abroad.



Kamburugamuwe Upunya, 7 years, Sri Lanka



Lutsuk Egor, 7 years, Ryazan, Russia



Jůzová Anna, 11 years, PAS Plzeň

Mgr. Ivona Kasalická, Head of the Lidice Gallery and Curator of Exhibition

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Our special thanks go to **the Committee of the Czechoslovakian Community Festival in Phillips, Wisconsin, U.S.A.** for their large financial contribution to the prizes for the child-winners. Just as a matter of interest, it is the City of Phillips, Wisconsin, where there is one of the two US memorials of the Lidice tragedy (the other is in Illinois, near Crest Hill), built from donations by the Committee of the Czechoslovakian Community Festival in Phillips in summer 1943.



Plays with modelling clay under the guidance of a Venezuelan artist



Performance by CHFG Kordulka – the dance “verbuňk”



Youngest medallist Eliška Lesáková, Kindergarden Ostrava



Prize of the Panel of Judges CZ - PAS Háj ve Slezsku



Prize of the Panel of Judges foreign school - PAS Holič, Slovakia



The Hall of the community centre in Kladno was full of guests



Cutting the ribbon



Touring the exhibition