

PRESS RELEASE

45th International Children's Exhibition of Fine Arts 2017

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FORMAL OPENING:

On Thursday, **1 June 2017, at 11 a.m.**, in the presence of ambassadors and political and cultural figures of the Czech Republic, the Lidice Gallery in Lidice will host the formal opening of the 45th INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S EXHIBITION OF FINE ARTS LIDICE 2017 featuring the theme TRAVEL.

The formal opening will see the best artists from the Czech Republic and abroad being awarded "Rose of Lidice" medals. The representatives of Art School Nové Město pod Smrkem and representatives of School No. 1955 from Moscow, Russia will come to receive the Prize of the Panel of Judges for a Czech and a foreign school.

Promises to attend have been received from Mrs. Kristina Larischova – Junior Deputy Minister and Director of Public Diplomacy Department of the Czech MFA, Mgr. Pavel Hlubuček – Department of Conservation of the Movable Cultural Heritage, Museums and Galleries at Czech Ministry of Culture, Mgr. Dita Limova – Head of UNESCO Division, Department of International Relations at Czech Ministry of Culture, Mgr. Jaroslav Faltýn – Director of Preschool, Basic, Art and Special Education at Czech Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports. Ambassadors of Armenia, China, Chile, Latvia, Peru and representatives of the embassies of Croatia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Republic of Moldova, Morocco, Russia and Serbia have promised participation as well.

Children's choir of the International school of Prague and Brass choir of the Art School Marie Podvalové from Prague 9 will perform at the Opening ceremony. From 8 – 11 a.m. the Garden of the Lidice Gallery will see the children and guests being treated to juggling performance and workshops by Vojta Vrtek, entertaining games prepared by the Leisure Centre Labyrint Kladno, a cyanotype art workshop, a specimen of a genuine Mongolian yurt, interactive tasks prepared in cooperation with the Invisible exhibition, DIY – wooden cars with Jan Nováček and horse and carriage rides.

ABOUT THE EXHIBITION:

The exhibition and competition is organized annually to commemorate the murdered children of Lidice. Although national initially, the 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, film and mixed media.

45th ICEFA LIDICE

The year 2017 has been declared the International Year of Sustainable Tourism for Development by the United Nations. Therefore the jubilee 45th edition of the competition was dedicated to the theme of TRAVEL.

This year's edition received **25,690 entries from 83 countries** and **1,834 organizations** and schools, out of which **1,289 ones from 76 countries** were awarded a prize by the panel of judges, while the best 248 received medals.

Out of 17,188 foreign entries from 1,316 organizations, 531 won prizes including 94 medals. Most awards went to children from Belarus, Bulgaria, China, Croatia, India, Iran, Latvia, Poland, Russia, Slovenia, Serbia, Thailand and Ukraine.

Czech children sent in 5,932 entries from 386 organizations this year, receiving 620 prizes including 127 medals. Slovak schools sent in 2,570 entries from 132 organizations, receiving 138 awards, out of which 27 were medals.

The Prize of the Panel of Judges for a Czech school was awarded to the **Art School Nové Město pod Smrkem** for its outstanding 2D work collection. Their annual achievements prove that small schools as well as bigger ones can prepare a breathtaking collection of works. The Prize of the Panel of Judges for a foreign school goes to **School 1955 from Moscow, Russia**. They regularly contribute to the competition with consistent and unique collection of watercolours of high quality.

The exhibition will take place in Lidice from **1 June till 30 November 2017**. After that, other locations in the Czech Republic and abroad will follow as a venue.

Note by the curator:

"It is no exaggeration to say that ICEFA Lidice could be called a Czech treasure; there are not many similar projects in the world that invite children from all over the world for 45 consecutive years to engage in such positive activity as art creation. The scope of the competition is unbelievable – this year's edition with the theme Travel became an inspiration for more than 25,000 children from 83 countries of all continents! The Panel of Judges has awarded more than 1200 pieces of art that will be on show at Lidice Gallery from June to November. Come and see for yourselves. You can admire imagination of children from faraway countries as India, Brunei or Venezuela. It is well worth seeing!"



Mahsa Babaei, 10 years, KANOON, Tehran, Iran

Mgr. Ivona Kasalická, Curator of ICEFA Lidice

VENUE

Lidice Gallery in Lidice

Opening ceremony: 1 June 2017 at 11a.m.

Open to the public from 1 June 2017 – 30 November 2017

Open daily from 10a.m. – 5p.m., in November to 4p.m.

Curator of the Exhibition: Ivona Kasalická

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Transport possibilities:

Venue: The opening will take place in the garden of the Lidice Gallery in Lidice, 25 km from Prague (direction Kladno)

Parking: on the parking lot at the Lidice Gallery

Public transport: Bus service from the Metro station, line A, Nádraží Velešlavin, bus stop no. 3

Bus departures on 1 June 2017:

Bus no. 22 – Nádraží Velešlavin 7.55 – Lidice 8.28, 8:25 – 8:59, 9.25 – 9.59, 10:20 – 10:53 (bus no. 22 stops in Lidice directly in front of the Lidice Gallery).

Bus no. 56 – Nádraží Velešlavin 7:45 – Lidice 8.01, 8:15 – 8:31, 8:45 – 9:01, 9:15 – 9:31 (bus no. 56 stops at the crossroads near Lidice, approximately 15 minutes' walk from the gallery).



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