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"48th International Children's Exhibition Of Fine Arts Lidice 2020"



As every year also this year the Lidice Memorial invites visitors to the **International Children's Exhibition of Fine Arts Lidice**. The fact that the UN General Assembly designated the year 2020 as the International Year of Plant Health was also a factor in choice of the theme for the 48th International Children's Exhibition of Fine Arts. Plants, big and small, belong to the landscape just as the landscape belongs to man from time immemorial. This is why the 48th ICEFA Lidice features the theme **LANDSCAPE**.

This year's international competition received 22,216 entries from 78 countries. **After thorough selection, the panel of judges assigned 1403 awards, including 214 medals, for 1,359 entries from 76 countries, now exhibited at the Lidice Gallery.** The exhibition is open at the Lidice gallery from 1 June and is meant not only for children. Touring the exhibition, you can view the exhibits in several thematic groups: a greenhouse full of both realistic and fantastic plants, animals, cityscapes, horizons, a part dedicated to photos, videos and animated films as well as a corner called "Cabinet", full of pictures, reliefs and sculptures of fruits, insects and products of nature to be found in the nature. Envelopes with tasks await visiting children at the exhibition to help them find out something new about the landscape and the plants.

Thursday, 24 September, saw the garden of the Lidice Gallery host the winners announcement and prize-giving ceremony, where the highest awards of the exhibition, "Rose of Lidice" medals and Prizes of the Panel of Judges, were presented. In view of the epidemic, this year only the children from the Czech Republic awarded

with individual "Rose of Lidice" medals, their escorts and several honorary guests were present. In his greeting video speech, Minister of Culture **Lubomír Zaorálek** thanked the children for their good work and invited them to continue the long tradition of the International Children's Exhibition of Fine Arts Lidice. The "Lidice children" were represented at the ceremony by Mr. **Pavel Horešovský**. The medals, certificates and gifts were presented to the children by: **Eduard Stehlík** – Director of the Lidice Memorial, **Veronika Kellerová** – Mayoress of Lidice, **Vlastislav Ouroda** – Under-Secretary for Cultural Heritage and Semi-budgetary Organizations at the Ministry of Culture, **Dita Limová** – Head of UNESCO Relations Department of the Ministry of Culture, **Hana Pištorová** – a social sciences specialist at the Czech Centres, **Pavla Havlíková** – Assistant of Under-Secretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, **Martin Vágner** – Director of The Institute of Experimental Botany of the Czech Academy of Sciences, **Kateřina Černý Pixová**, Vice-dean of the Faculty of Environmental Sciences, Czech University of Life sciences Prague, **Markéta Andreides**, Department of Water Technology and Environmental Engineering, University of Chemistry and Technology Prague, **Petra Kalendová** and **Hana Doušová** from the University of Pardubice and **Josef Zedník**, the chairman of the panel of judges of the exhibition.

The Prize of the Panel of Judges for the Czech Republic went to the **Art School Krnov**, which was represented at the ceremony by the award-winning children and their teacher **Ivana Steiningerová**. The Prize of the Panel of Judges for a foreign school was given to the **Imre Weiner Král Art School** in Považská Bystrica. Both schools will receive a glass palette made by the art glassmaker **Jiří Pačinek**.

The exhibition is on view at the Lidice Gallery from 1 June 2020 till 31 January 2021, open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. We are looking forward to your visit!

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