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**43<sup>rd</sup> International Children's Exhibition of Fine Arts 2015**

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**Lidice Gallery in Lidice**

**Opening:** 30<sup>th</sup> May 2015, 11.00 a.m.

**Duration:** 31<sup>th</sup> May - 31<sup>st</sup> October 2015

**Open daily:** 9 a.m – 6 p.m.

**Organizer:** Lidice Memorial

**Curator:** Ivona Kasalická

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*Michal Vyzrál, 6 years, T. Brzková Art School Plzeň, Czech Republic*



*Bartłomiej Harnasz, 14 years, MDK pracownia plastyczna „Creatio”, Rybnik, Poland*

**On Saturday, 30 May 2015, at 11 a.m., the 43<sup>rd</sup> INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S EXHIBITION OF FINE ARTS**

**LIDICE 2015** was opened at the **Lidice Gallery in Lidice** in the presence of ambassadors and political and cultural figures of the Czech Republic.

Among those present were Mr. Přemysl Sobotka, Vice-President of the Czech Senate, Mr. Jiří Dientsbier, Minister for Human Rights, Equal Opportunities and the Legislation, Mr. Zdeněk Syblík, Member of the Czech Parliament, Ms. Věra Sejkorová, The Deputy of the Director of Museums and Galleries of the Ministry of Culture, Ms. Kristina Larischová, the Chief Executive of the Analytics and Communications Department of the Czech Foreign Ministry, Mr. Karel Komárek, the Chief Secretary of the Czech Commission for UNESCO, Mr. Jaroslav Fidrmuc, Deputy Minister of Education, Youth and Sports, Mr. Zdeněk Lyčka, Director of Strategy and Development of Czech Centres. Representatives of 14 diplomatic missions attended the formal opening, namely the ambassadors of China, Georgia, Kosovo, Malaysia and Venezuela and embassy representatives of Bulgaria, Croatia, Indonesia, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Thailand, Tunisia and Vietnam.

From morning through much of the day accompanying activities were held around the Lidice Gallery premises - art workshops where children tried an interesting art technique of cyanotype, an Indonesian batik technique, a shadow theatre, Vojta Vrtek juggling theatre, entertaining games of leisure centre Labyrint Kladno and a horse-and--carriage rides.

At 11 a.m. the brass trio from Primary Art School of Marie Podvalova from Prague 9 introduced the Prize Award Ceremony with a fanfare performance, which was followed by children's choir of Peter Beron Bulgarian School from Prague, who sang several folk songs. After this Mr. Milouš Červenci, Director of Lidice Memorial, welcomed everybody and briefly informed them about this year's children and countries' participation and thanked all the creators of the exhibition, collaborators and sponsors. Followed a short speech by Mr. Premysl Sobotka, Vice-President of the Czech Senate, and Mrs. Vera Sejkorová, Deputy Director of OMG of the Ministry of Culture. Then Mr. Jiri Dienstbier, Minister for Human Rights, Equal Opportunities and the Legislation, Ms. Kristina Larischová the Chief Executive of the Analytics and Communications Department of the Czech Foreign Ministry and Jaroslav Fidrmuc, Deputy Minister of Education, Youth and Sports joined the others on the stage.



Together they handed out awards to 46 medal winners from Czech schools - medals and Rose of Lidice diplomas, and other prizes - a cup decorated with photos of each of the winners' artwork, books from publisher Albatros, other art gifts from Nielsen and Faber Castell, USB drives and an award-winning work in the form of a paper fold-your-own wall hanging provided by the Atlas Advertising Group. At the end of his speech Mr. Milouš Červenci, Director of Lidice Memorial handed a significant award for long-term cooperation to Mrs. Milena Burgrová, graphic designer of the exhibition, who has been giving the exhibition design and installation for 12 years.

In the second half of the awards ceremony Mr. Karel Komarek, Secretary of the Czech Commission for UNESCO, Mr. Zdeněk Lyčka, Director of Strategy and Development of the Czech Centres, Mr. Josef Zednik, Chairman of the Panel of Judges came onstage and handed the highest Prize to Primary Art School Mšeno for a consistent, purposeful and high-quality work with children in Czech Republic, which presented a rich and interesting collection of art works in the techniques of painting, drawing, graphics, photography, and mixed techniques. Five medalists from this school came to take medals personally, and Mr. Cenek, the headmaster, took the main prize - a crystal palette donated by the company Rückl Crystal. The Prize of the Panel of Judges for a consistent, purposeful and high-quality work with children for a foreign school this year received a Młodzieżowy Dom Kultury – pracownia plastyczna "Creatio" in Rybnik (Poland). The school's three students came to receive the Prize of the Panel of Judges for a foreign school and the school's teacher Aldona Kaczmarczyk-Kolucka and deputy headmaster Danuta Sarna took a crystal palette. The end of the ceremony came with the announcement of the five winners of Alík.cz server's on-line poll, in which children could vote and choose their own favorite pieces. This year's winners are - Rozálie Kabátová (Paletka Plzeň), Lucie Kopelentová (Kolin), Kateřina Kopečková (Plzeň Jagellonská), Anna Roubová (Mšeno) and Adéla Denková (Plzeň Jagellonská), who was also the overall winner of the poll, receiving 10 thousand crowns for her school from the Agrofert Foundation. The awards and a cheque were handed on the stage by a school's pedagogue Romana Štajerova and Foundation Agrofert's Director Zuzana Tornikidis.

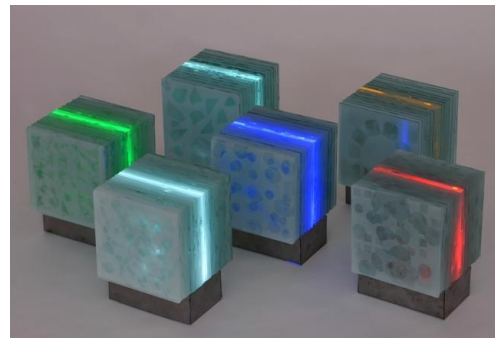
After the end of the awards ceremony and taking collective photos, all the winners have been invited to the exhibition's excursion to the first floor of the Lidice Gallery. After cutting of the ribbon (Mr. Jiri Dienstbier, Mrs. Vera Sejkorová, the surviving Lidice child Marie Šupíková and one of the award-winning children - the main author of the graphic motive of the entire exhibition 6-year-old Misha Vyzrál), over 400 visitors could view more than 1200 images and spatial objects from children from different corners of the world. The conclusion of the opening day came with a theatrical performance of Vojta Vrtek Great Circus Tale and meeting with a jury. Despite the very bad weather full of rain, this year's program and ceremony had a success; all the present praised it.



Chiu Man Yan, 16 years, Simply Art, Hongkong, China



Renaf Cua Kyana, 13 years, St. Stephen's High School, Manila, Philippines



AS Mšeno, 7-14 years, Czech Republic

The exhibition will take place in Lidice from **31 May till 31 October 2015**. After that, other locations in the Czech Republic and abroad will follow as a venue.

### 43<sup>rd</sup> ICEFA LIDICE

At suggestion of the Czech Commission for UNESCO and to celebrate 2015 as the International Year of Light, this year's edition was dedicated to the theme **LIGHT**, with the sub-themes of light natural and artificial, light and shade, optical phenomena and enigmas, energy of light and light as a symbol.

While the number of participants was lower than in previous years, the number of entries was still overwhelming. The Lidice Gallery was literally flooded and lighted up with entries featuring light – with suns, stars, lit-up cities and streets, cathedrals, tunnels, auroras, fires, fireworks and volcanoes as well as secrets of optics. Bulbs, lamps, candlesticks, candles and rays of light emanating from them could be counted in thousands. In 2 rounds and 6 days, the international panel of judges assessed not only paintings, drawings and prints, but also a lot of photos and spatial entries – of ceramic, paper, plastic and glass

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Ministerstvo zahraničních věcí  
České republiky



Děkujeme sponzorům a partnerům:







Accompanying activities of formal opening – art technique of cyanotype and entertaining games of leisure centre Labyrint Kladno



Fanfare performance by the brass trio (Prague 9, Čakovice)

Performance of children's choir LIRA ( P. Beron Bulgarian School, Prague)



Handing of commemorative Lidice Memorial badge to Milenā Burgrovā, graphic designer

Medals are ready



Handing of medals to Michal Vyzrál (Art School Plzeň, Jagellonská)

and to the youngest winner, 4 year-old Matěj Kabát





*Award of the Jury – headmaster Čeněk Hlavatý (Art School, Mšeno) Award of the Jury to a foreign school ( Rybník, Poland)*



*Winners of on-line poll and cheque for an absolute winner (Art School Plzeň, Jagellonská) Group foto of all the 54 winners*



*Formal ribbon-cutting ceremony Viewing of the art exhibition*



*Theatre performance by Vojta Vrtek Meeting with the jury*