

FINAL PRESS RELEASE

45th International Children's Exhibition of Fine Arts 2017

is organized by the Lidice Memorial under
the auspices of
Minister of Culture of the CR

Minister for Foreign Affairs of the CR

Minister of Education, Youth and Sports of
the CR

Chairman of the Czech Commission for
UNESCO

Director General of Czech Centres



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 hosted the formal opening of the **45th INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S EXHIBITION OF FINE ARTS LIDICE 2017 featuring the theme TRAVEL**. On this occasion the Rose of Lidice medals were handed over to the best children artists from the Czech Republic and to the Czech and foreign medallists from schools awarded the Prize of the Panel of Judges.

There were among the guests Jiří Dienstbier – member of Senate, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs for Chancery of the Ministry Ivana Červenková, Mrs. Dita Limová – Head of UNESCO Division, Department of International Relations at Czech Ministry of Culture, Mr. Jaroslav Faltýn – Director of Preschool, Basic, Art and Special Education at Czech Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports and Director of the Agrofert Foundation Zuzana Tornikidis. As for the representatives of the diplomatic corps of the participating countries, the event enjoyed the presence of the ambassadors of Estonia, Luxembourg, Latvia, Macedonia, Mexico, Moldavia, Morocco, Turkey and Venezuela and representatives of the embassies and foreign institutes of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bulgaria, Georgia, India, Indonesia, Mongolia, Palestine, the Philippines, Poland, Romania, Russia and Thailand.

From the early morning, children were treated to varied side events - art workshops in which children were able to create cyanotype prints, guided by Dmitry Rubinshteyn from the Gallery Zahradník, juggling performances and workshops by Vojta Vrtek, a specimen of a genuine Mongolian yurt from the Small Museum of Asia in Ledce, entertaining games prepared by the Leisure Centre Labyrint Kladno, interactive tasks prepared in cooperation with the Invisible exhibition, DIY – wooden cars with Jan Nováček, and horse and carriage rides.

The prize-giving ceremony itself started at 11 a.m. with fanfares of the Brass choir of the Art School Marie Podvalové from Prague 9 followed by two songs performed by the Children's choir of the International school of Prague. Then, having welcomed all the present, Director of the Lidice Memorial Martina Lehmanová, MA briefly acquainted the audience with the facts and figures of this year's edition and thanked all organisers, collaborators and sponsors of the exhibition. After that, senator Jiří Dienstbier, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs for Chancery Ivana Červenková and Jaroslav Faltýn – Director of Preschool, Basic, Art and Special Education at Czech Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports joined the Director of the Lidice Memorial to present prizes to 76 medallists from Czech schools – 'Rose of Lidice' medals and certificates as well as material gifts, e.g. cloth bags with the exhibition logo on them, books from the publishing house Nakladatelství Albatros and a magazine RAKETA from LABYRINT, art supplies by Nielsen and Faber-Castell and the award-winning picture made into a cardboard jigsaw puzzle from the Atlas Advertising group.

The second half of the prize-giving ceremony saw a change in the presenters. Mrs. Dita Limová – Head of UNESCO Division, Department of International Relations at Czech Ministry of Culture, Mrs. Monika Koblerová – legal representative of the Czech Centers, Tomáš Skála, deputy mayor of Lidice and Chairman of the Expert Panel of Judges Josef Zedník came on the stage to present medals to foreign entrants at first - a medallist from Slovakia and 3 medallists from Belarus. Then the highest prize the Prize of the Panel of Judges for a Czech school – was presented, this year to the Art School Nové Město pod Smrkem for its unique collection of two-dimensional and three-dimensional objects of art and for its consistent work with children. Three medallists from that school came to receive their prizes and the main prize – a crystal palette from Růček Crystal glassworks – was handed over to Headmaster Martina Funtánová. Director of the Agrofert Foundation Zuzana Tornikidis presented to the headmaster a financial reward of CZK10,000 for their high-quality work with children. The Prize of the Panel of Judges for a foreign school was presented to the representatives of the GBOU School No. 1955 from Moscow, Russia for their even and outstanding collection of watercolour paintings and for their long-standing successes in the competition. Two medallists received their medals from the hands of the presenters joined by the first secretary of the Russian Embassy Mrs. Ekaterina Barancheva. The crystal palette was handed over to the Director of the school Mrs. Olga Tishina and a teacher, Mr. Vsevolod Romankov.

After the prize-giving ceremony finished and a group photo of all winners was taken, the guests were invited to the opening and a tour of the exhibition on the second floor of the Lidice Gallery. In front of the Lidice Gallery, they were given a welcome again by fanfares of the Brass choir and after the cutting of the ribbon (senator Jiří Dientsbier, Dita Limová, the then child survivor of the Lidice tragedy Marie Šupíková and the youngest medallist Xenia Volčková from Slovakia), upwards of 500 visitors could see more than 1200 items by children from the four corners of the world. We are grateful for this year's weather. After several editions full of rain, the weather this year was sunny, pleasant, and warm.



Supporting program of the opening ceremony – horse and carriage rides and juggling performance of Vojta Vrtek.



Opening - fanfares of the Brass choir of the Art School Marie Podvalové from Prague 9 and the Children's choir of the International school of Prague performance



Welcome speech - Director of Lidice Memorial Martina Lehmannová



Medals and prizes are ready, let's get started!



Medal presentation to Kateřina Ryková, Art school Most, Moskevská and to Vít Brouček from Art school Starý Plzenec



Panel of Judges Award for a Czech school – Art school Nové Město pod Smrkem and for a foreign school – School No. 1955 Moscow, Russia



Group photo of all winners



cutting of the ribbon

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 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.

Venue: Lidice Gallery in Lidice, 1 June – 30 November 2017

Open daily: 10a.m. – 5p.m., in November till 4p.m.

Curator: Ivona Kasalická

Exhibition design by: Dagmar Šubrtová

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

Graphic design of printed material by: Dagmar Šubrtová, Libor Kačaba, Altair Grafické studio s.r.o.

Photos by: Martin Homola ABCPhoto

In cooperation with: Dintex s.r.o., Dana Heráňová, Hana Staňková, Ellen Eldridge, Philip Slüter, Jana Vrzalová

Contact: Mgr. Ivona Kasalická, Curator of ICEFA Lidice

Lidice Memorial, Lidice Gallery, Tokajická 152, Lidice

phone no. +420 736 642 318, e-mail: kasalicka@lidice-memorial.cz, www.mdvv-lidice.cz

Location: The Lidice Gallery in Lidice, 25 km from Prague (direction Kladno)

Public transport: bus service from the Metro station. Line A, Nádraží Veleslavín, bus stop no. 3.

Bus no. 22 (stops directly in front of the Lidice Gallery), bus no. 56 (stops at the crossroads near Lidice, approximately 15 minutes' walk from the gallery).



Ministerstvo zahraničních věcí
České republiky



Památník Lidice děkuje sponzorům a partnerům / Lidice Memorial would like to thank the following sponsors and partners

