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41st International Children's Exhibition of Fine Arts 2013

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Lidice Gallery in Lidice

Opening: 29 May 2013, 10.15 a.m.

Duration: 30 May - 31 October 2013

Open daily: 10 a.m – 5 p.m.

Organizer: Lidice Memorial

Curator: Ivona Kasalická

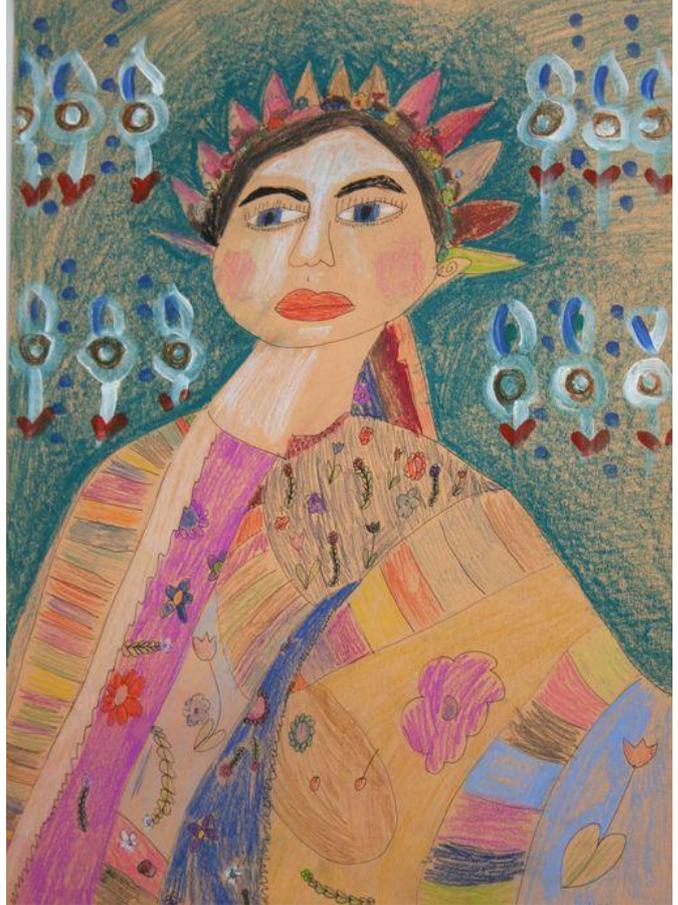
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Lea Fedorov, 6 years, K. Pádívý PAS, Trenčín, Slovak Republic

Organized by the Lidice Memorial in co-operation with UNESCO, the 41st edition of the oldest and largest competition of children's artistic expressions – Lidice 2013 – has come to an end. The winning entries can be seen at the Lidice Gallery from 30 May 2013. The opening ceremony will be held in the presence of major public figures and media on Wednesday, 29 May, at 10.15 a.m.

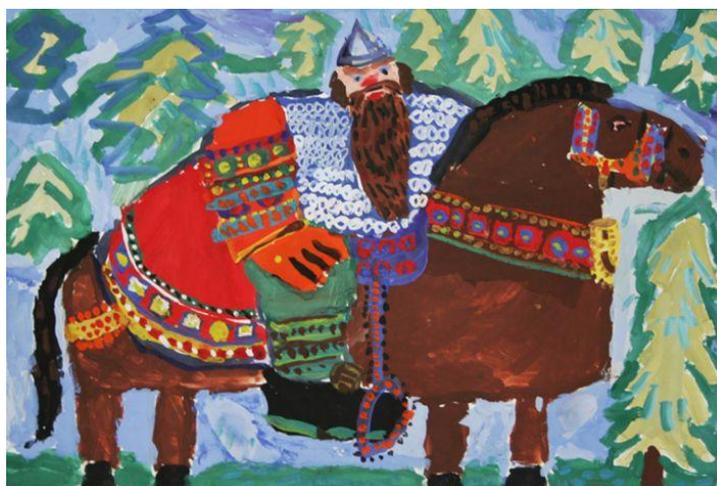
The formal opening will see the best artists from the Czech Republic and abroad being awarded "Rose of Lidice" medals. This year, pupils and teachers of the Primary Art School Holíč from Slovakia will come to receive the Prize of the Panel of Judges and pupils and teachers from Primary Art School Háj ve Slezsku will receive the Prize of the Panel of Judges for a Czech school. We are honoured to welcome the participant from the farthest place on our platform – a winning girl from the Czech School in Melbourne (Australia).

*“The tradition of the exhibition extends over forty years. I do not know any other international project of this kind with such a long history,” says Ivona Kasalická, curator of the exhibition and head of the Lidice Gallery, adding. “In total, we received 24,593 entries from 68 countries, among them e.g. Brunei, Cuba, Ethiopia, Mongolia and The Philippines.” The theme of this year's edition of the competition **"Traditions and Heritage of My Country's People"** has been chosen to mark the 10th anniversary of a global convention on protection of folk arts, crafts, ceremonies and traditional folk knowledge - the UNESCO Convention on Protection of Intangible Cultural Heritage.”*

Guided by their teachers, children depicted much of the listed heritage in their respective countries – traditional crafts, ceremonies, customs and folk creativity, often rare and unique to a region even in the country of their origin, worthy of preservation for future generations. Among Czech children, the most frequent of the themes of entries was merry-making at Shrovetide, Moravian dances, folk costumes and traditional crafts.



Kamburugamuwe Upunya, 7 years, Sri Lanka



Lutsuk Egor, 7 years, Ryazan, Russia



Jůzová Anna, 11 years, PAS Plzeň

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