

Press Release

46th International Children's Exhibition of Fine Arts Lidice

CEREMONIAL OPENING on 31 May 2018

The Lidice Memorial offers invitation for a ceremonial opening of the 46th International Children's Exhibition of Fine Arts Lidice taking place at the Lidice Gallery on 31 May 2018 at 11 a.m.

This year's edition takes place under the auspices of the minister of Culture, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Minister of Education, Youth and Sports, the Czech Commission for UNESCO and the Director of the Czech Centres.



This globally unique exhibition, originally national, since 1973 international, is the oldest and also one of the largest of international exhibitions in general. The competition is meant for children from 4 to 16 years of age from all types of schools and organizations working with children. The thing that makes this exhibition unique is the fact that the entries are connected through a single theme, across the categories. Children can send in their paintings, drawings, prints, photos, 3D objects and also short films.

Selected in cooperation with the Czech Commission for UNESCO, the theme of this year's edition is WATER (above gold). Considering globally thorny themes such as deepening shortage of drinking water, frequent droughts and global warming, the theme is very topical. The topicality as well as the ever-growing prestige of the exhibition are attested to by absolutely record-breaking and impressive number of entrants. The 46th edition has registered 29,967 entries from 79 countries of all corners of the world. In a two-round assessment process, the international panel of judges selected 1,246 entries from 67 countries. Around one thousand of these entries will be as usual, on display at the Lidice Gallery.

This year's innovation is cooperation with the National Museum of Agriculture, which will have circa 200 award-winning entries on display. The exhibition at the National Museum of Agriculture opens on 1 Jun 2018 at 11 a.m. The Lidice Memorial would like to use this concept also in future editions and will seek cooperation with institutions suitable for having an exhibition of a portion of the entries.

The ceremonial opening takes place at the Lidice Gallery on 31 May at 11 a.m. Among those who have promised to attend are representatives of the Ministry of Culture, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports and the Czech Commission for UNESCO as well as a representative of the Czech Centres, Monika Koblerová, Director of the Department of Cultural Diplomacy and the Czech Centres Network. An invitation has been extended also to ambassadors of countries that are home to the creators of the award-winning entries. So far the presence was confirmed of representatives of Albania, Canada, China, Germany, Luxembourg, Mexico, Slovenia and Ukraine.

The Children's Choir of International School of Prague and the Brass Band of Marie Podvalová School in Prague 9 will appear at the event. From 9 to 11 a.m. the garden of the Lidice Gallery will have side events offering children and guests an art workshop, a performance by the puppet theatre Studna, water plays, scooter rides and horse and carriage rides.

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