

**Media release: July 2019**

## **Best young artists in Liverpool City Region announced!**

**dot-art Schools** inter-school art competition is already a well-established fixture in the academic calendar for many Liverpool City Region schools as it is now in its seventh year. Since its inception almost 7000 students from 398 schools have taken part.

Following a rigorous selection process dot-art Schools can reveal the winners and runners up in both age groups primary (Year 5) and secondary (Year 9) students.

**Primary Overall Winner** - Dana of Belle Vale Primary School for 'The Dark Eye' Oil pastel drawing

**Primary Runner Up** - Lewis Blackham of St Anne's Stanley CoE Primary School for 'Dream Landscape 18' mixed media collage

**Primary Runner Up** – Lily-Mai of Eaves Primary School for 'Miro 17' collage

**Secondary Overall Winner** – Earl Cabije of Cardinal Heenan Catholic High School for 'Portrait of Earl' ink and watercolour painting

**Secondary Runner Up** – Keeley Mullen of St Chad's Catholic & CoE High School for 'Aerial Views 7' mixed media collage

**Secondary Runner Up** – Grace Johnson of Rainhill High School for 'Hear, see, speak no evil' digitally manipulated image

Participating schools initially submitted up to 25 pieces of art created by Year 5 or Year 9 students, which are then featured on the dot-art Schools website. The shortlisting panel is made up of arts professionals including international artist Ryan Gander, Sandra Penketh Executive Director of Collections at National Museums Liverpool and Dr Caroline Wilkinson Director of LJMU Liverpool School of Art & Design, who select their top three entries from each school. The public were then encouraged to vote online for their favourite piece of work with the entry from each school with most votes featuring in the final exhibition.

The seventh annual dot-art Schools 2019 exhibition featuring those winning artworks from 63 primary and secondary schools across Liverpool City Region was open to the public from 19<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> June at LJMU School of Art & Design.

The overall winners and runners-up for both primary and secondary categories were chosen by respected guest judge Susan Coles, past president of the National Society for Education in Art & Design NSEAD and announced at special prize-giving ceremonies attended by the Lord Mayor of Liverpool Cllr Peter Brennan and well over 300 teachers, students and their families.



dot-art Schools project manager Carolyn Murray commented: "The standard of artwork improves year on year and it's wonderful to have so many creative young artists in the region. We look forward to working with even more schools for 2019-20 competition."

**Schools who want to enter next year's dot-art Schools competition can register now. For more information visit <http://schools.dot-art.com> or contact Carolyn Murray on [schools@dot-art.com](mailto:schools@dot-art.com).**

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#### **EDITORS NOTES:**

The dot-art Schools programme has been developed by **dot-art**, a Liverpool based arts organisation which has been supporting artists and developing innovative and creative visual arts projects and initiatives since 2006.

In 2012 we were approached by a Liverpool school who asked if we could develop a way to showcase the art work of talented school children in the same way we do professional artists. Since then we have been using our skills, experience and expertise to give the young people of the region access to an exciting new public platform for their creative output, and a taste of the way the art world works.

#### **dot-art supports visual artists and champions art as an integral part of everyday life**

We do this by selling locally sourced, affordable art, working with businesses to put art in the workplace and public realm, running art classes and working with schools and community groups. All this is underpinned by our unique membership scheme for artists in the North West which gives access to all the activities above and a package of support and advice, creating and developing artists' careers.

dot-art was founded in Liverpool in 2006 and specialises in affordable, high quality, locally sourced art. We work with over 100 artists to provide an unrivaled choice of original art and limited edition prints for home or business, as well as offering a range of complementary services including; commissions, art rental, art consultancy, exhibition planning and implementation, bespoke framing, art valuation and restoration and artist sourcing.

All our work supports our not-for profit arm dot-art Services CIC, which exists to support North-West based visual artists, both emerging and established, through a range of services and opportunities



designed to help them develop their careers and gain exposure and promotion for their work, as well as delivering a programme of adult art classes at a range of venues across Liverpool and dot-art Schools, our innovative inter school art competition, launched in 2012.

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