

WALKER DISPLAYS YOUNG ARTISTS' WORK

dot-art schools competition brings local children's creations to gallery

Inspired artworks from the winners of the dot-art Schools' competition are to go on display alongside the likes of Rubens, Rembrandt and Riley, in a partnership between the Walker Art Gallery and dot-art Schools.

Over 1000 students from 46 Liverpool schools have entered a competition to see their artwork displayed at the **Walker Art Gallery from 17th May to 8th June 2014.**

From *Day of the Dead* inspired prints, to nature-inspired collages, and detailed portraits, the gallery will showcase an eclectic range of exceptional work from young people.

Works have been shortlisted by a panel of three judges including: Sandra Penketh, Director of Art Galleries at National Museums Liverpool; Sarah Pickstone, winner of the John Moores Painting Prize in 2012; and Jenny Porter, Project Manager, Metal and Liverpool Art Prize.

The overall winners will be announced on LightNight, Friday 16 May. The Lord Mayor of Liverpool Councillor Millar will award the children with their prizes and the exhibition will open to the public from 7.30pm.

The competition is designed to nurture talent, raise ambition and take art out of the classroom and into the real world. It is hoped the project will encourage young people to engage with the arts and enable their first steps towards a creative career path.

Kate Johnson, Senior Education Manager at the Walker Art Gallery said: "Art can be a powerful way for young people to express themselves and engage with the world. The exhibition will give visitors to the gallery a real sense of the talent and imagination of pupils from local schools."

Jane Tasker, art teacher at Christian Fellowship Schools said: "This is a great opportunity to view work from a wide range of schools and to display children's work publically. It is motivational for children to view theirs and their classmates work online and better still in a prestigious art gallery."

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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 2005.

We are now 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 is made up of two arms:

dot-art Ltd is an art gallery and consultancy based in Liverpool city centre, specialising in affordable, high quality, locally sourced art, on a sale, commission and rental basis, as well as offering a range of complementary services including; art consultancy, exhibition planning and implementation, bespoke framing, art valuation and restoration and artist sourcing.

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dot-art Services CIC is a not-for-profit organisation which exists to support North-West based visual artists, both emerging and established, through a range of services and activities designed to help them develop their careers and gain exposure and promotion for their work. A Social Enterprise with artists at its heart, dot-art Services CIC functions in a unique fashion, operating a membership system which gives artists a range of benefits including their own web page, access to exhibition, career development and promotional opportunities, as well as help and advice, networking events and discounts on art supplies and framing.

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One of the finest art galleries in Europe, the Walker Art Gallery is home to renaissance masterpieces, Tudor portraits and one of the best collections of Victorian and Pre-Raphaelite



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