

## PRESS RELEASE



### dot-art Schools 2015 Winners announced!

On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June two very special prize giving events took place in the stunning surroundings of the Concert Room of St George's Hall, where almost 150 shortlisted students were presented with a certificate by the Lord Mayor of Liverpool Cllr Tony Concepcion. In addition the overall winners were announced and prizes awarded.

**dot-art Schools 2015 Overall winner, Secondary:** 'Study of Nature 1' Georgia Allen of Rainhill High School.

**dot-art Schools 2015 Overall Runners Up, Secondary:** 'Cottage' by Alfie Hefferman of West Kirby Residential School and 'Self Portrait 17' by Ben Walsh of Cardinal Heenan Catholic High School.

**dot-art Schools 2015 Overall winner, Primary:** 'Ocean Eye' by Marcel Auber of St Patricks Primary School

**dot-art Schools 2015 Overall Runners Up Primary:** 'Moving People 24' by Sophia Nicolas of Gwladys St Primary and 'Landscape 8' by Lydia McManus of Springwood Heath Primary.

Before the opening event, guest judge Susan M. Coles chose the overall winners and runners up for both primary and secondary. Susan is known to many art teachers as the President of the National Society for Education in Art & Design in 2014 and Secretary of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Art Craft and Design Education. Susan remarked "Schools are under such pressure these days, so events like this are so very important- they highlight and showcase, celebrate and share...Choosing a winner is hard as you are all winners. But because I had to choose I've looked for originality in the chosen winners, for skills in both thinking and creating and for getting that WOW factor when you stand in front of them."

Explaining why she chose the Year 9 Overall Winner 'Nature Study' by Georgia Allen of Rainhill High School Susan said "It's a work of intricate layers also mounted and presented in layers - with tiny detail which draws the viewer into a quite amazing design. It shows great patience as well as skill."

Anthony Bennett, Head of Art at Rainhill High School responded "Georgia is a student who is highly talented and I think the success brought on by this dot-art Schools competition could finally cement what we have been telling her for the past 12 months, that she truly is a talented individual. "

Each young artist won exclusive tickets to see Tate Liverpool's summer exhibition with guided tour as well as vouchers for art materials from Rennies Gallery.

As well as this, the secondary winner, Georgia also received a scholarship to dot-art, giving her a year's membership to dot-art's network, allowing her to showcase and sell her work alongside professional artists.

This is the third annual dot-art Schools Exhibition, showcasing winning work by talented school children from across the Liverpool City Region; the competition has grown year on year and in 2015 includes winning art works from around fifty year 6 and year 9 pupils.

**The dot-art Schools 2015 Exhibition is on now until Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June and open to the public daily from 10am – 5pm at St George's Hall. Entrance via the Heritage Centre.**



See: <http://schools.dot-art.com> OR <http://liverpoolcityhalls.co.uk/st-georges-hall/whats-on/dot-art-schools-exhibition-2015/> for more details.

Thanks to an exciting new partnership with Merseyrail there will also be an opportunity to see the dot-art Schools 2015 artwork in Central Station, Liverpool in July!

dot-art Schools is now recruiting both primary and secondary schools across the Liverpool City Region who would like to take part in the next programme, for 2015 -2016. Teachers interested in getting involved can find out more on the dot-art Schools website: [Http://schools.dot-art.com/register](http://schools.dot-art.com/register)

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### Editors Notes

The annual dot-art Schools programme was launched in 2012 and was developed by dot-art, a Liverpool based independent and multifaceted arts organisation which has been supporting artists and developing innovative and creative visual arts projects and initiatives since 2005. Through the scheme, they aim to use their 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](#) was founded in Liverpool in 2005 and specialises in affordable, high quality, locally sourced art. We work with over 100 artists to provide an unrivalled 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. @dotart

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 art classes at Liverpool's creative hub the Bluecoat (see: [dot-art.co.uk/art-classes](http://dot-art.co.uk/art-classes)); and [dot-art Schools](#), our innovative inter school art competition, launched in 2012.

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