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BNG honours Student Art Competition winners

Hamilton, Bermuda, January 10, 2007 — Acting Minister of Education, the Hon. Dale Butler MP, JP, was on hand yesterday presented prizes to winners of the fourth annual BELCO Student Art Competition at the Bermuda National Gallery.

A record total of 774 students from 19 schools entered the competition, also supported by American Airlines and Artcetera, which is organised by the BNG to promote and nurture the visual arts in schools.

This year's theme was inspired by the BNG's Autumn exhibition, *Rembrandt Etchings: Impressions of Genius*. Judy Wong, the BNG's Education Director explained: "The students were asked to produce a self-portrait that tells us something about them – it could be based on their personality, how they feel, what they like and/or what is important to them. Along with their artwork we asked for a written paragraph explaining their artwork."

Mr. Butler commented: "From the wonderful art on display, I can tell Bermuda's young artists see themselves as a very diverse group of people." Recalling a quote from Pablo Picasso - "Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist" – he urged all entrants to "forever keep the art inside you alive and look for inspiration and truth ... don't let anyone tell you that you can't be an artist when you grow up!"

Linda Smith Wilson, BELCO's Vice-President of External Relations and Corporate Communications, congratulated students on the quality of the entries and said: "Art is a gift that you will always have as a recreation or as a means to express yourself. The artwork here is stunning and you should all be proud of yourselves as indeed BELCO is proud to support this competition for a fourth year."

Judges for the competition were local artists Lyn Morrell, Edwin Smith, Angela Ming-Bean, Charles Zuill, Kathy Harriott and Will Collieson.

Winners in each of six age categories received an Artcetera gift certificate (see list below for all winners). The first prizewinners received a cash prize (or \$250.00) for their school to go towards art supplies. Prizes were also awarded to second and third place in each category along with several honourable mentions. School category winners were: Kaleidoscope Arts Foundation (Primary 3 and Middle School), Bermuda High School (Primary 4), Warwick Academy (Primary 5), Somersfield Academy (Primary 6), and Centre of Talented Youth (Senior).

In addition, six-year-old Saltus Cavendish student Jordan Slade was the lucky winner of the draw for two round-trip plane tickets to New York City, presented by Claudette Ford, Sales Manager of American Airlines. For the first time, an additional American Airlines round trip ticket was drawn to recognise the efforts of the teachers and the winner was the Ethan Philip's teacher, Margo Furbert from Warwick Academy.

An exhibition of all 774 entries in this year's competition will be on display at the BNG until January 15.

Note to editors

About the Bermuda National Gallery:

Opened in 1992 and located in the City Hall & Arts Centre in Hamilton, the Bermuda National Gallery is both the home of Bermuda's national art collection and the centre of the Island's thriving arts scene. It is the Island's leading art museum with a richly diverse exhibition programme of past and present works by local and international artists that reflects Bermuda's varied artistic heritage and multicultural community. The Bermuda National Gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. from Monday to Saturday. Admission free. For more details contact Director Laura Gorham on 441-295-9428, director@bng.bm or visit www.bng.bm.

Winners of the 2007 - BELCO Student Art Competition

Primary 3

1st place CAROLINE MUSICANT, 7, Kaleidoscope Arts Foundation
2nd place JORDAN SLADE, 6, Cavendish
3rd place HAILEY QUIG, 7, BHS

Honourable Mention: ELLA BURT, 7, BHS

Primary 4

1st place ERICA HAWLEY, 8, BHS
2nd place MIKAELA JOY KAWALEY LATHAN, 8, Saltus Junior School
3rd place NIQUE ARMSTRONG, Purvis Primary

Honourable Mention: KACY MILAN BUTTERFIELD, Gilbert Institute

Primary 5

1st place ETHAN PHILIP, 9, Warwick Academy
2nd place MARGARET McGOVERN, 9, BHS
3rd place AANIKA RAHMAN, 9, BHS

Honourable Mentions: ANNA CUTLER, BHS
KRISTIN DILL, 9, BHS
RHIANNON FLETCHER, 9, BHS

Primary 6

1st place OLIVIA LUNN, 10, Somersfield Academy
2nd place RYAN RAY, 10, Purvis Primary
3rd place DANIELLE ONYIA, Paget Primary

Honourable Mention: GRAHAM COOKE, 10, Warwick Academy

Middle School

1st place GEMMA BORDER, 11, Kaleidoscope Arts Foundation
2nd place SAJNI RICHARDSON, 11, Warwick Academy
3rd place BRIAN LONGWORTH, 12, Learning Express Academy

Senior School

1st place DOMICO WATSON, 14, Centre for Talented Youth
2nd place RILEY MELLO, 14, BHS
3rd place KEVIN SIMMONS, 15, Saltus Senior School

Honourable Mentions: SCHUYLER RUBERRY, 16, Saltus Senior School
SARAH RUSSO, 15, BHS
MADISON BREWER, 14, BHS
RICO BEEK, 15, Berkeley Institute
AVERY MARTINS, 13, Kaleidoscope Arts Foundation