**QUEEN STREET GALLERY**

**YOUNG ARTIST OF THE YEAR 2025**

**Introduction**

Young Artist of the Year is a competition organised by Queen Street Gallery. It will be a competition designed to support and encourage development of fine art and new media skills.

Eligibility: This competition is open to all young artists 5 to 16 years of age. Entries can be made in various media including the following:

* Pencil
* Ink
* Watercolour
* Acrylic
* Oil
* Pastels
* Drawing
* Mixed media
* Video
* Textiles
* Ceramics

**Aims**

This competition aims to encourage young people to:

* Experiment with creativity within fine art
* Use traditional or contemporary methods of fine art
* Show interpretation of their chosen topic
* express their ideas through the medium of fine art

**Who can take part?**

This competition is open to all young artists, schools and colleges including those that are home educated. The age range for competitors is:

Junior: 5 to 10 years old Senior : 11 to 16 years old

Maximum sizes of pieces of work per age group are as follows:

Junior 5 to 10 years old A4 to A3 Maximum

Senior 11 to 16 years old A4 to A3 Maximum

**Not allowed**: Prints or photographs.

**The Competition**

There will be two stages to this competition.

* Deadline for entries must be delivered to Queen Street Gallery/Studio 40, 40 Queen Street Neath SA11 1DL by **4pm on Tuesday 24th December 2023.**
* Contestant’s work will be displayed, and the winners announced in an exhibition at Queen Street Gallery in January 2025**.**

**Competition Final January 2024**

First place prize: Showing work in the gallery’s Summer Exhibition

There will also be prizes for second and third place.

The Winning Entries submitted for the final must have the signed Entry Form accompanying the entry.

Judging the competition will take place in late December 2024. The exhibition opening and presentations will take place between 2pm and 3:30pm on the first day of the exhibition at Queen Street Gallery in January 2025.

The judges’ decision will be final.

The winners and selected entries in each age group will be displayed in an exhibition at Queen Street Gallery in January 2024.

Prizes for the winning competitors will be available at the opening of the exhibition.

**Competitors**

Students and schools may enter the competition organised by Queen Street Gallery through their school and college or independently through the Queen Street Gallery website.

Individual competitors, schools, colleges, and other organisations can participate in this competition.

**Working with Children**

Queen Street Gallery has adopted this statement of policy in working with children, the vulnerable and those with disability.

The needs and rights of the child, the elderly, the vulnerable and those with disability take priority. It is the duty of every staff member to safeguard to the best of their ability, the welfare of and prevent physical, sexual, or emotional abuse and neglect of all children, the elderly, persons with disability or otherwise vulnerable persons with whom they come into contact during their Gallery duties.

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