

Christchurch Sister Cities Young Artists Competition

Theme: "What Does Global Citizenship Look Like?"

Entries must be the original design and artwork of the entrant.

Entry Age:

Artists must be between 13 and 18 years of age on 28 April 2006.

Medium and Specifications:

Only two-dimensional artwork, **no larger than 60cm x 75cm (24" x 30") including matting** is accepted. Watercolour, oils, pastels, pen and ink, charcoal, photography, two-dimensional mixed media, as well as computer generated art are all accepted media.

The artworks must be mounted on foamcore or matted, so they are firm enough to stand on an easel.

The artworks must not be framed.

Registration of Interest:

Registration of interest should be submitted by **Friday 3 March 2006** to Wook Jin LEE via email (wjl37@student.canterbury.ac.nz).

Entry Deadline: Friday 17 March 2006

Entries must be accompanied by a completed official entry form (copy attached) and should be posted or delivered to ICY, c/- Sue McFarlane, International Relations Co-ordinator, First Floor, Christchurch City Council, 163-173 Tuam Street, Christchurch.

Judging:

Entrants are encouraged to creatively express the theme in an innovative manner. Judges will also weigh composition and originality. Prizes will be awarded to first, second and third, with five artworks commended.

Exhibition of Artworks:

The opening of the Exhibition will take place at **The Art Zone, Centre of Contemporary Art (CoCA)**, 66 Gloucester Street on **Tuesday 28 March**. The artworks will be exhibited at The Art Zone from **Wednesday 29 March to Friday 21 April**.

Copies of the best artworks will also be displayed at the Sister Cities New Zealand Conference, Wellington, 9-12 May.

The winning artwork will be couriered to Sister Cities International, Washington DC, USA, to meet the 28 April deadline of the Sister Cities International Showcase of Young Artists Competition 2006.

Prizes:

- **International Christchurch Youth (ICY)** will cover the costs associated with the entry of the winning artwork to the Sister Cities International Showcase of Young Artists 2006.
- The winning artwork will be displayed at the **Sister Cities International 50th Anniversary Conference in Washington DC** in July 2006 (www.sister-cities.org/sci/sciprograms/Conference). Should the artwork be selected as one of 11 finalist artworks, the artist will receive a cash prize of **US\$300**.
- **Creation Arts Space** (www.creationnz.com) will give the winning artist or his/her school (if applicable) a free two-week exhibition in August-September.
- **The Drawing Room** (www.thedrawingroom.co.nz) has again provided ICY with some wonderful prizes.
- The **Young Designer Awards Trust Inc.** (www.yda.org.nz) will grant the winning artist free entry into the 2006 Young Designer Awards - New Zealand's Premier National Design Competition for Secondary School Students.

It is also through the support of **Christchurch City Council** and the **Christchurch-Seattle Sister City Committee** that ICY is able to hold this event again in 2006.

Special thanks to:

- Christchurch City Council
- Alan Cathro, Curator of The Art Zone
- Adam Haywood, Director of Creation Arts Space
- The Drawing Room
- Tom and Yvonne McBrearty, Young Designer Awards Trust Inc.
- Christchurch-Seattle Sister City Committee



The 2nd Annual Christchurch Sister Cities Young Artists Competition

What Does Global Citizenship Look Like?

International Christchurch Youth (ICY) is organising the second annual Christchurch Sister Cities Young Artists Competition, with the theme 'What does Global Citizenship Look Like?'. The winning artwork will be submitted to the Sister Cities International Showcase of Young Artists 2006, Washington DC, USA.

ICY is a group formed from the 2004 Sister Cities New Zealand Annual Conference, and is supported by the Civic and International Relations team of Christchurch City Council. Members have been personally involved in sister city and other international youth exchanges. The group's aim is to promote Christchurch's Sister Cities programme and international friendships, as well as raising cultural awareness.

Christchurch Sister Cities Young Artists Competition is one of ICY's flagship events. ICY has in the past organised International Days at Merrin and Halswell Schools, ran the 'Joining Hands Around the World' Project, and also provided various networking opportunities for youths of Christchurch.

Sister Cities International writes about its international art competition: "Since 1988, the Sister Cities International Showcase of Young Artists has encouraged youth from around the globe to consider the honourable mission of Sister Cities International and express their interpretation of that mission – promoting peace through mutual respect, understanding and cooperation through one individual, one community at a time. In celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Sister Cities International, this year's theme is 'What Does Global Citizenship Look Like?'".

Each year 11 winners are selected from the international competition and awarded a cash prize. The overall winning artwork goes on a one-year tour, with the tour kicking off at the Sister Cities International Annual Conference in July. Full details of the Sister Cities International Young Artists Competition 2006 and the winning artworks from the last five years' competition can be seen at www.sistercities.org/sci/sciprograms/yap.

ICY's involvement with the International Young Artists Competition is to run a local Sister Cities Young Artists Competition to select a winner to represent Christchurch. ICY will arrange for the winning artwork to be sent to the Sister Cities International Showcase of Young Artists 2006. The Seattle-Christchurch Sister City Association in Seattle, USA, will be the sponsor for the winning Christchurch entry and ICY will cover the international entry and return fee, packing and courier costs.

In 2005, ICY organised its inaugural competition, and the winning entry by Melissa Gray, 17, of St. Margaret's College – 'Dreaming the Thoughts of Others' – yielded a remarkable outcome. To quote a letter from Tim Honey, the Executive Director of Sister Cities International, Melissa's winning artwork of Christchurch competition was "so beautiful that it is featured on the front cover of our Sister Cities International Showcase of Young Artists brochure for 2006."

Because of the final entry date for the international art competition, the local competition must be run within a short timeframe. However, as this is such an exciting opportunity for local young artists, we hope that you will promote the competition and support young artists' entries.

If you would like to know more about the competition or Christchurch's Sister Cities programme, you can visit the website at www.christchurch.org.nz/sistercities/news_and_events or contact Wook Jin LEE phone 027 428 4920, email wjl37@student.canterbury.ac.nz or Sue McFarlane, International Relations Co-ordinator, Christchurch City Council, phone 941 8959, email Sue.McFarlane@ccc.govt.nz

Thank you for your support and we look forward to having Christchurch's young artists involved in this exciting project.



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The 2nd Annual Christchurch Sister Cities Young Artists Competition Entry Form

Please print clearly and enclose this form with the artwork.

Artist Information

Artist's Name:

Birth Date:

Home Address:

Phone:

Email:

School: (if applicable)

Year: (if applicable)

Teacher: (if applicable)

Title of Artwork:



Please tell us what inspired you to create this work. Please feel free to use extra paper:

I understand that: All entries become the artistic property of Christchurch City Council (CCC) and Sister Cities International (SCI). Although the artist retains his/her copyright for other uses, CCC and SCI will retain perpetual, non-exclusive rights to use submitted artwork in any future publication, promotional material and/or online service with no compensation other than credit with the artist's name and community. CCC and SCI reserve the right to free reproduction and exhibition of all submissions. CCC and SCI take no responsibility and will not compensate for any lost or damaged artwork. All fees associated with the contest become the property of SCI and will not be returned. By submitting this entry, we agree to give CCC and SCI, its members and affiliates, permission to publish and display the submitted entry at public exhibits, online, in publications and/or promotional materials, at the discretion of CCC and SCI. We agree to abide by all the rules and terms of the contest and agree to waive all claims of any kind against the contest organisers.

I would like the artwork returned (please tick)

Date:

Signature of Artist:

Date:

Signature of Parent/Guardian: