The Sovereign Art Foundation Student Prize
Malta & Gozo 2019/2020

Mission Statement:  The Sovereign Art Foundation (SAF) was established by Howard Bilton the Chairman of the Sovereign Group with a dual purpose. One of its aims is to encourage and promote the work of young artists via the various Art Prizes it arranges, and the other is to provide funds to improve the lives of impoverished children. The Student Art Prize is held annually in Hong Kong, Singapore, Bahrain, Mauritius, South Africa, Portugal, Guernsey and the Isle of Man. Sovereign Trust (Malta) Limited in conjunction with the Sovereign Art Foundation is proud to be sponsoring the annual Malta & Gozo Student Prize.

Aim of Competition:  To encourage and provide a forum to promote the work of aspiring artists and to promote art and creativity in schools while also raising awareness of the plight of disadvantaged children both in Malta and abroad.

Competition Rules:

1. The lead organiser: Sovereign Trust (Malta) Limited in conjunction with the Sovereign Art Foundation.
2. Theme: The suggested theme is ‘Joy’. Students are encouraged to think about what joy means to them and to others and what gives rise to joy.
3. Eligibility: The competition is open to all students aged 14 to 17 from all secondary schools as well as students attending post-secondary schools in Malta and Gozo in 2019. Students should not have attained their eighteenth birthday by 10 January 2020. Each school must submit no more than its best five (5) entries.
4. Conditions: The work must be endorsed by the student’s Head of School or Art Teacher. The student’s name, age, class, school and the school’s official rubber stamp must be clearly indicated on the back of the artwork, and the artwork must be signed with initials and year by the student in the lower right corner of the work.
5. Sizes and Formats: Paintings, drawings and photography can be submitted. All entries (including any frame or mounting) must not exceed 70 cm on any side, and must not be thicker than 5 cm in depth. Composite entries must fit within these sizes when displayed.
6. All artwork should be in 2D. No sculptures will be accepted for this competition.
7. The Work Must Be Original: Submitted work must be the student’s own creation, his/her own original concept. Copies of copyrighted material will be automatically disqualified. Upon submitting the work for this competition, the school/parent/guardian is agreeing to be responsible for any infringement on copyright.
8. Entry Fees: There are no fees.
9. **Repeat Entries:** Only one entry per student per year is allowed.
10. **Copyright:** The artists shall not lose copyrights to their artworks, however, the work may be used freely by the organisers for other projects without prior permission.
11. **Non-exclusive Permissions:** By entering this art competition, the organisers are granted non-exclusive perpetual license to reproduce images of students' artwork on their website, newsletters, in merchandise for use in fund raising and other publications produced by the government of Malta. The artwork may be modified (preferably by the artist) to satisfy its use in the mentioned publications. The artists will be acknowledged when the image is used.
12. **Prizes:**
   - 1<sup>ST</sup> €500 to the winning artist
   - €2,000 to the school
   - 2<sup>ND</sup> €250 to the first runner up
   - €600 to the school
   - 3<sup>RD</sup> €100 to the second runner up
   - €400 to the school
13. **Submission Deadlines:** All entries must be received by the Sovereign Art Foundation during the following submission period:
    - Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2019 to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

    No entries will be accepted after Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2020.
14. **Submission:** For the initial judging, **schools** are required to submit the application either online with a digital image or photograph of the artworks (maximum five per school) through the following website: [http://www.SovereignArtFoundation.com/SubmissionForm.php](http://www.SovereignArtFoundation.com/SubmissionForm.php) or by delivering the artwork to the following address:

    **Projects & Initiatives Section**
    **Sovereign Art Prize**
    **National School Support Services**
    **Fra Gaetano Pace Forno Street**
    **Ħamrun HMR 1100**

    Kindly note that **only artworks submitted by the schools will be considered.** In case of difficulty when submitting the artworks online or for further clarifications about the competition one can email the organisers at [eventsmalta@sovereigngroup.com](mailto:eventsmalta@sovereigngroup.com) or contact a member of the Events Team at Sovereign Trust (Malta) Limited on tel. 21228411.
15. Gozo artworks (those not sent online) are to be submitted to the College Principal’s Office in Victoria by not later than **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2020.**
16. **Judging:** A committee will be appointed to judge the works. The committee will select 12 finalists. The judges' decision shall be final.
17. The schools and colleges of the 12 finalists selected by the Judging Panel will be officially notified by email or telephone. Schools must deliver selected works, **which were sent online**, to the Projects and Initiatives Section at the above address.
18. The finalists’ artworks must be delivered to the above address between **10<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020.**
19. The artwork of the 12 finalists will be exhibited to the public at various locations during March 2020. **Members of the public will be encouraged to vote for their favourite piece on the SAF website and the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners will be decided by public vote. The first place winner will be awarded by the judges.**
20. Date of the Prize-giving ceremony will be conveyed to the winners, finalists and all schools in due course.

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