

ACCESS AMSTERDAM CREATIVE CONTEST 2009

The award ceremony of the Creative Contest for the International Schools of the Amsterdam region took place on May 16th, 2009 at the Gerrit Rietveld Academy which sponsored this event by providing the space for the ceremony and the exhibition of the art works.

Participating schools included the International School of Amsterdam, the European School in Bergen, the British School of Amsterdam and the Amsterdam International Community School.

44 students aged from 5 till 17 took part, producing interesting and exciting works. The theme this year was “My home country”.

ACCESS Executive Director, Gonda Labruyere, welcomed the participants, their families and friends, then John de Silva, who led the judge panel, explained how the winners were chosen. Chairman of Board of the Gerrit Rietveld Academy, Tymen van Grootheest, described the activities of the Academy and then presented the prizes to the winners which were thoughtfully selected by the American Book Center – another sponsor of the Creative Contest.

The winners of the 2009 ACCESS Amsterdam Creative Contest

Category A: 5 – 7 year old children

Prize	Name	School	Age	Nationality
1	Tamaki Baba	International School of Amsterdam	7yrs	Japanese
2	Eun Seob	International School of Amsterdam	7 yrs	Korean
3	Stefano Jakaubek	Europese School, Bergen	7 yrs	Dutch

Category B: 8 - 10 year old children

Prize	Name	School	Age	Nationality
1	Genevieve Lowenthal	International School of Amsterdam	10 yrs	Australian
2	Bodh Mathura	AICS	9 yrs	Sri Lankan
3	Mia Radgood	British School of Amsterdam	10 yrs	English

Category C: 11 - 12 year old children

Prize	Name	School	Age	Nationality
1	Joey Hou	British School of Amsterdam	11 yrs	Hong Kong
2	Anisha Dhanturti	AICS		Indian
3	Ella Kitcher	British School of Amsterdam	12 yrs	English African
4	Emily van Blanken	British School of Amsterdam	12 yrs	Greece+Scottish

Category D: 13 - 14 year old children

Prize	Name	School	Age	Nationality
1	Dilruba Eskihoran	British School of Amsterdam	13 yrs	Turkish
2	Celine Van Der Vlugt	British School of Amsterdam	13 yrs	Dutch
3	Hadyan Farizi	International School of Amsterdam	14 yrs	Indonesian

Category E: 15 and older children

Prize	Name	School	Age	Nationality
1	Molly Heady Carroll	AICS	17 yrs	Irish
2	Christina Hsu	British School of Amsterdam	15 yrs	Taiwanese
3	Thom Beumer	British School of Amsterdam	16 yrs	Dutch

Category F: special 3D artwork

Prize	Name	School	Age	Nationality
1	Vivek Arora	AICS	9 yrs	Indian
2	Sachin Kumar	International School of Amsterdam	11 yrs	American
3	Anshu Hemrajani	International School of Amsterdam	10 yrs	Indian

The overall winner of the Contest was **Joey Hou** of the British School of Amsterdam.

We would like to thank everyone who helped ACCESS to make it possible: the participants who produced marvellous art works, their families and friends for supporting them, the schools for coordinating their efforts, the judges for taking their time to select the winners, ACCESS volunteers who organised the event and, of course, our sponsors – Gerrit Rietveld Academy and American Book Center.