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Scholars selected by NADFAS and RBA for prestigious London shows

The National Association of Decorative & Fine Arts Societies (NADFAS) is delighted to announce that, through collaboration with the Royal Society of British Artists (RBA), thirty-five aspiring young artists, the RBA Scholars, have been selected to exhibit their work at two prestigious London venues.

Representatives from fifty-five NADFAS Societies from across the UK and Europe put forward 348 works including paintings, ceramics and sculpture, by promising A-Level students to be judged by the RBA Council members. The finalists were selected for exhibition for their exceptional works which combine the highest levels of skill, expression and draughtsmanship.

The artworks will first be shown at the Gallery at Lloyds Register in the City of London from 12 February -10 March 2016 as part of the 'RBA Rising Stars' exhibition. The NADFAS RBA Scholars will exhibit alongside the RBA's Rome Scholarship semi-finalists. The exhibition gives an overview of the strength of artistic ability, flair and creativity that exists through Britain today. Michael Portillo will open the exhibition at a preview event for the students, their families and invited guests.

The works next go on display at the Mall Galleries, London from 17 March - 2 April 2016 where they will sit alongside those of professional artists at the RBA's Annual Exhibition, which features the best contemporary representational painting, sculpture, printmaking and drawing, sourced from member artists and through open submission. During the exhibition at the Mall Galleries, one student will be presented with the John Ingram Award.

The collaboration between NADFAS and the RBA came about following a pilot project in East Anglia in 2009. This is the second year that students' work will be exhibited at Lloyds Register as well as the Mall Galleries.

RBA Vice President, Mick Davies, comments:

"For many of these young artists this is the first major exhibition in which they will have their work shown in London. They are expressing excitement and enthusiasm at the prospect."

Chief Executive of NADFAS, Florian Schweizer, comments:

"We are so impressed with the ability of these young artists, and delighted that they have this opportunity to showcase their talent to a wider audience. NADFAS seeks to make the Arts accessible to all – the students' inclusion in these exhibitions confirms our belief that art can be enjoyed, and created, by people of all ages. We are delighted to be a part of their journey."

The 2016 RBA Scholars are:

Jisu An - Brockwood Park - Nominated by Arlesford DFAS
Isabelle Armstrong - Truro College - Nominated by Truro DFAS
Ashleigh Arnold - Wensleydale School - Nominated by Wensleydale DFAS
Tara Bartlett - Piggott School - Nominated by Henley DFAS
Eleanor Bell - Farlington School - Nominated by West Sussex DFAS
Anna Berdyguzhina - Friends' School - Nominated by Saffron Walden DFAS
Hannah Blayney - Keswick School - Nominated by Cumbria DFAS
Tristan Brockenshire - Hillsborough College - Nominated by Sheffield DFAS
Scarlett Bunce - Truro College - Nominated by Truro DFAS
George Clark - Truro College - Nominated by Truro DFAS
Katie Denham - Woking College - Nominated by Mayford DFAS
Martha Dobson - Alton College - Nominated by Alton DFAS
Jen Francis - Blackpool 6th - Nominated by Fylde DFAS
Kate Gardner - Wymondham High Academy - Nominated by Norwich DFAS
Laura Hounsell - Thomas Hardy School - Nominated by Dorset County DFAS
Zoe Jackson - Lockerbie Academy - Nominated by South West Scotland DFAS
Caryssa Jason - Sawtry Community College - Nominated by Huntingdon DFAS
Jessica Kirkpatrick - AKS Lytham Independent School - Nominated by Fylde DFAS
Lynus Lau - Truro School - Nominated by Truro DFAS
Ellen Lear - Northgate High School - Nominated by Ipswich DFAS
Joanna Lillie - Truro College - Nominated by Truro DFAS
Rose Miller - Truro College - Nominated by Truro DFAS
Gabriella Morris - AKS Lytham Independent School - Nominated by Fylde DFAS
Emma Mumby - Presdales School - Nominated by East Herts DFAS
Sian Nicholas - Bishop Ramsey CE School - Nominated by Moor Park DFAS
Ollie Nixon - Northallerton 6th Form College - Nominated by Hambleton DFAS
Angelina Popelnykh - Sotogrande International School - Nominated by de la Frontera DFAS
Abigail Powell - Bradfield School - Nominated by Sheffield DFAS
Alison Quinn Cottrell - Chalfonts College - Nominated by Chiltern DFAS
Florence Stansall Seiler - Presdales School - Nominated by East Herts DFAS
Grace Tarr - Bay House School - Nominated by Solent DFAS
Claire Thurgood - Piggott School - Nominated by Henley DFAS
Abbie Trevorrow - Truro & Penwith - Nominated by West Cornwall DFAS
Nathan Ward - Alton College - Nominated by Alton DFAS
Nathalie Weatherald - Camden Girls School - Nominated by Highgate DFAS



Exhibition information:**The Gallery at Lloyds Register
12 February – 10 March 2016**

Lloyd's Register reception atrium, 71 Fenchurch Street, London, EC3M 4BS
Monday to Friday, 10:00-17:00, closed weekends and bank holidays

Admission: Free

www.lr.org

Mall Galleries**17 March – 2 April 2016**

The Mall, London SW1

10am – 5pm daily (closes at 1pm on final day)

Admission: £3, £2.50 concessions

(50% off to National Art Pass holders. Free to Friends of Mall Galleries and under 18s)

www.mallgalleries.org.uk

Notes to editors:

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