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# PHILLIPS TO HOST EXHIBITION FOR THE FINALISTS OF THE SOVEREIGN ART FOUNDATION LONDON STUDENTS PRIZE

On View in Phillips' Berkeley Square Galleries from 16 to 19 December



Great Tower Night by Igor Samojednik, of Chestnut Grove Academy Courtesy of the artist and The Sovereign Art Foundation

LONDON – 2 DECEMBER 2024 – Phillips is delighted to announce its collaboration with The Sovereign Art Foundation (SAF) to support the next generation of artistic talent. Established in 2012, the Sovereign Art Foundation Students' Prizes are annual awards that celebrate the importance of art in the education system and recognise the quality of artworks produced by secondary-school students across the world. As the official exhibition venue partner for the London Students Prize, Phillips is proud to host the Finalists' Exhibition, featuring the top 20 shortlisted artworks, at its Berkeley Square galleries from 16 to 19 December 2024.

Tamila Kerimova, Phillips' Director, International Specialist, Modern & Contemporary Art, said, "Phillips is honoured to collaborate once again with The Sovereign Art Foundation and to host the Finalists' Exhibition for the London Students Prize for the fifth consecutive year. This partnership underscores our commitment to championing the importance of art in education and supporting emerging talent through the Students Prize. At Phillips, we are passionate about discovering and showcasing exceptional artwork, and nurturing the next generation of artists is central to this mission. Each year, we are inspired by the creativity and skill demonstrated by secondary-school students. We look forward to welcoming visitors to our Berkeley Square galleries this December to celebrate these remarkable young artists."

**Simon Denton, Managing Director Sovereign (UK) Limited and Board Member of Sovereign Art Foundation, UK**, said, "The Sovereign Art Foundation is delighted to present the 5th edition of The SAF London Students Prize. The importance of art in schools is often underappreciated and underfunded. We recognise and champion art in schools, in the hope that students are able to explore and develop their creativity. The talent of the students continues to impress and amaze us and we are so grateful for the fantastic support of Phillips, partners since the

first London Student Prize, they generously host the exhibition - providing an incredible space and wonderful opportunity for the finalists."

Teachers at all secondary schools across London were invited to nominate up to ten of their students to submit artworks to the competition. This year 169 entries were received and assessed by a judging panel comprising professionals from different facets of the British art world, including **Howard Bilton**, Founder and Chairman of SAF, **Melanie Gerlis**, Art market columnist for the Financial Times, **Nick Hornby**, Artist, **Tamila Kerimova**, Director, International Specialist, Modern & Contemporary Art at Phillips, **Kamiar Maleki**, Collector, Curator, Fair Director, Patron and Philanthropist, **Nicole Schoeni**, Contemporary art collector, dealer and patron of the arts and **Caroline Swinburn**, Artist

The overall winner of The Sovereign Art Foundation Students Prize, London 2024 will be awarded by the panel judges during the the Finalists' Exhibition. One student will be selected to receive the Judges' Prize of £800 and their school will also be awarded £2,000, benefitting of a number of pupils studying art.

Exhibition visitors and are invited to vote for their favourite finalist artwork, the most popular of which will receive a Public Vote Prize of £400 (and their school £1,000). Online votes will also be accepted via a web gallery with voting closing at 12:00hrs GMT on 18 December 2024. Winners will be announced at a private event on 18 December. Furthermore, students can choose to enter their works into a silent auction, where the proceeds will be split between the artist and Foundation, who will use funds raised to further their charitable aims. This year money raised will be donated onto Latimer Community Art Therapy (LCAT) a grass roots community organisation which provides accessible professional mental health support through art psychotherapy as well as community services and activities, to support creativity, physical, social, and emotional development.

# Finalists of The Sovereign Art Foundation London Students Prize 2024

Name	Artwork Title	School
Alexander De Almeida	Urban Entropy	Dulwich College
Aristou Meehan	Infection	Dulwich College
Cileka Paul-Cudjoe	Admiration for My Mother	Westminster Academy
Charlotte He	Untitled	Southbank International School
Esme Bailey	Naked Truth	The Norwood School
Eugenie Chiu	A Bride To Be	Caterham School
Grace Burroughs	Andromeda	Eltham College
Igor Samojednik	Great Tower Night	Chestnut Grove Academy
Isobel Hirschowitz	Corrupt Perception	Kew House School
Jemima Stern	Existing in the Inbetween	West London Free School
Keewon Lee	Flavours of Feast	Harrow School
Lolamy Suksom	Of the sea	Graveney School
Marley Hall	Drowning	Harris Boys' Academy East Dulwich
Matthew Mc Luckie	What 3 Words	Dulwich College
Megan Ransome	Queens	St Augustine's Priory, Ealing
Leticia Oliveira		St Charles Catholic Sixth Form College
Lombardo	Hierarchy	
Rani Mahmood	Let Me Adore You	Chestnut Grove Academy
Sophia-Grace Eels	The Human Puppet	Caterham School
Xi Yang	Masquerade	Dulwich College
Zosh Harris	Nightmare of Mismatched Antipathy	Caterham School

Exhibition: 16 - 19 December 20234

Opening hours: Monday – Saturday, 10am–6pm Venue: Phillips, 30 Berkeley Square, London, W1J 6EX Admission: Free

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#### Press Kit

Click here to view the artworks. Please get in touch if you require an image.

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## ABOUT THE SOVEREIGN ART FOUNDATION

The Sovereign Art Foundation (SAF) is a charitable organisation that was founded in 2003 with a well- defined twin focus: to recognise the growing wealth of contemporary art talent in Asia and bring the proven benefits of expressive arts to disadvantaged children. In the same year, SAF launched The Sovereign Asian Art Prize, now recognised as the most established and prestigious annual art award in Asia-Pacific. The Prize increases the international exposure of artists in the region, whilst raising funds by auctioning shortlisted artworks and sharing proceeds equally between the participating artists and SAF. SAF uses these proceeds to fund programmes that support disadvantaged children using expressive arts. This model has so far raised US\$10 million for artists and charities worldwide. In 2013, SAF launched Make It Better (MIB), an initiative that supports children from low-income backgrounds and with special educational needs in Hong Kong. MIB works in local schools and community centres to offer children a programme of expressive arts workshops designed to build self- esteem, confidence, self-awareness and interpersonal skills. SAF also supports teachers, social workers and caregivers of these children by introducing them to the therapeutic benefits of art.

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