

Winner of the East Anglian Schools Portrait Prize Announced Celebrating the Creative Talent of School Children of the Eastern Counties

The winner of the second East Anglian Schools Portrait Prize has been announced. Helen Higgins, 17, from Norwich School for Girls in Norfolk scooped first prize from 30 short-listed students from schools across the Eastern region, with a portrait of her mother.

Miss Higgins will now be awarded with a framed portrait of herself donated by professional artist and Anteros Artist-in-Residence, Will Teather. Teather, who has completed many prestigious commissions and previously featured in international art prizes, said that he believed "Helen has an exceptional talent, and I hope that this is the first step in a blossoming artistic career for her. Her portrait is both highly skilled and a very dramatic composition, reflecting her love of baroque painters such as Caravaggio."

Miss Higgins said:

"I am very excited to have been given this prize; all of the entries were of such a high standard that it is a real compliment to be chosen as the winner. I feel very fortunate to have the opportunity to go to Will Teather's studio and have my own portrait completed. I really admire his work, and it will be a great chance to learn more about different portraiture techniques. "

John Hemmant, Director of Anteros Arts Centre said:

"We were delighted with the high standard of entries that we received, with more entrants than last year. One of the aims of the Arts Centre is to introduce young people to art projects that develop their creativity and focus; allowing them to create competent work they are proud of within a supportive environment. We hope it will be the beginning of many more activities where we can involve the region's youth in the arts."

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