

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

The winner of the inaugural East Anglian Schools Portrait Prize has been announced today. Katherine Waldron, 17, from Wymondham High School in Norfolk won the prize from 25 short-listed students from schools across the Eastern region, whose work are currently on display at Anteros Arts Centre in Bergh Apton.

Waldron 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 "Katherine has an exceptional talent, and I hope that this is the first step in a blossoming artistic career for her."

Miss Waldron said:

"I am delighted to have won the competition, and it has been fabulous to share my passion in art with other students in East Anglia. I am very... privileged to have such an inspiring environment to work in for my A-level Art course. I am also very excited about having my portrait done and learning more about Mr Teather, whose work I greatly admire."

Her Head of Art, Neil Moulton was there to see the winner announced. An enthusiast of portraiture himself, he said:

"We as a school and art department are delighted for Katharine. She is a talented and engaged student who is intensely passionate about her practice. Katherine's work depicts the emotional bond between her and her sister in a sensitively painted composition.'

John Hemmant, Director of Anteros Arts Centre said:

"We were delighted with the high standard of entries that we received for our first year of the competition. 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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Attached are photos of the winner Katherine Waldron and her winning entry.

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