

World Illustration Awards 2019 Shortlist Announced in Full



Images L-R: Andrew Archer, ATAS, Balbusso Twins, Emilia Karolina Miekisz, Jess McGeachin

The Association of Illustrators (The AOI), in partnership with the Directory of Illustration, is delighted to release this year's shortlist, which will be shown in full at an inspiring and thought-provoking exhibition at Somerset House in central London this summer.

The shortlist has been drawn from a record 3,680 entries from 68 countries, offering an insight into ideas, trends and styles from illustrators working today around the globe. This year, political themes are very prominent, with illustrations dealing with current concerns including the #MeToo movement, Brexit and Climate Change, showing how illustration reflects and comments on everyday life.

A huge array of techniques will be showcased among the 200 shortlisted projects this year, from 3D models, embroidery, animation, to large-scale interactive installations, as well as more traditional techniques of watercolours, pencils, woodcuts and digital illustration.

The full shortlist can be viewed at theaoi.com/wia

The exhibition, held in Somerset House's Embankment Galleries, will showcase the full shortlist of 200 works with in depth presentations of winning works. It explores what illustration means today, how it shapes our world and understanding and how the art form itself is changing. This annual survey of the best illustration globally will explore where illustration is now, where it is heading in the future, and point to the legends of the industry who continue to inspire new generations of artists.

Category and Overall winners will be announced at an awards ceremony held at Somerset House in July.

The World Illustration Awards 2019 Exhibition will tour the UK into 2020.

More information on www.theaoi.com

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Download the press images [HERE](#)

Listings information

Dates: 11 – 28 July 2019

Opening Hours: Saturday-Tuesday: 10am-6pm; Wednesday-Friday: 11am-8pm

Admission: Free

Address: Embankment Galleries, South Wing, Somerset House, London WC2R 1LA

Transport: Underground: Temple, Embankment; National Rail: Charing Cross, Waterloo

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Since its opening in 2000, Somerset House has built up a distinctive outdoor public programme including Skate, concerts, an open-air film season and a diverse range of temporary exhibitions throughout the site focusing on contemporary culture, with an extensive learning programme attached. In October

It currently attracts approximately 3.4 million visitors every year. www.somersetshouse.org.uk

The World Illustration Awards

The WIA are presented by The Association of Illustrators in partnership with the Directory of Illustration (USA) with Somerset House as the exhibition partner. There are eight award categories including Advertising; Books, category sponsored by NoBrow; Children's Books, category sponsored by Walker Books; and Editorial. Each category has a New Talent and Professional winner, with two Overall Winners announced on the awards night in June. This year there are also cross-category awards, such as the SAA Awards for an unrepresented Student, The DI Award for a professional artist and the AOI Award for the best member entry. The two overall winners will be awarded cash prizes. The AOI has been holding an annual illustration competition for over 45 years.

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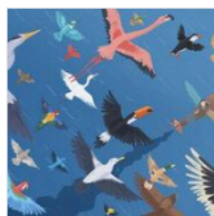
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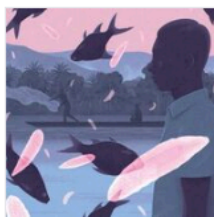
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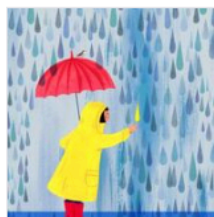
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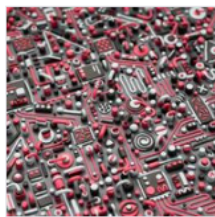
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