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Young artists draw a crowd

Winners of the 2014 Shaun Tan Award for Young Artists were announced at a special ceremony at Subiaco Library on Monday night.

Families, teachers and award finalists filled the library to see children's author and illustrator James Foley present the awards alongside City of Subiaco Mayor Heather Henderson.

Award patron Shaun Tan offered some sage advice to the young artists via video message: "Real art thrives on mistakes and difficult periods, so it's important to embrace them rather than fear them."

He added: "An exhibition like this at the library reminds us that we are all creative or imaginative in some way, even those who lament 'I can't even draw a straight line' – which surely must be one of the most irrelevant prerequisites for artistic practice – even these people are highly imaginative. I certainly can't draw a straight line; I use a ruler for that."

Mayor Henderson said: "The Shaun Tan Award for Young Artists is all about encouraging young West Australians to harness their creativity and develop their artistic skills. It was clear at the ceremony that there's a lot of artistic talent here in WA"

She continued: "There were more than 1000 submissions this year and over a third of these came from students in regional Western Australia, which is fantastic. We were delighted that regional finalists from Australind and Denmark could join us for the presentation of the awards."

The top ten artworks from each of the five award categories will be on exhibition at Subiaco Library, 237 Rokeby Road, Subiaco, until Sunday 3 August.

The Shaun Tan Award for Young Artists is sponsored by Janet Holmes à Court AC, Barking Gecko Theatre Company, One20 Productions, Kool Kreative, Dymocks, Gallery 360, Planet Books, Faber-Castell and Creative Kids Art Club.

To view the list of winners and finalists for the 2014 Shaun Tan Award for Young Artists, visit www.subiaco.wa.gov.au

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Photo

Children's author and illustrator James Foley and City of Subiaco Mayor Heather Henderson with winners of the 2014 Shaun Tan Award for Young Artists.

Notes to Editor

Prize winners:

Lower primary category (pre-primary, years one and two)

Kai Keulder, Peter Carnley Anglican Community School – first place
Milana Cook, Funtastic Design School – second place
Caitlin Parkinson, Perth College – third place

Middle primary category (years three and four)

Jake Boon, Poynter Primary School – first place
Samara Ainge, Applecross Primary School – second place
Noah Cowan, Holy Rosary School – third place

Upper primary category (years five and six)

Kade Gizzarone, Mel Maria Catholic Primary School – first place
Bailey Portman, Kalamunda Primary School – second place
Matthew Forrest, Denmark primary School – third place

Lower secondary category (years seven, eight and nine)

Isabelle Nella, Iona Presentation College – first place
Pamela Ammoun, John Curtin College of the Arts, second place
Rachel Eames, Australind Senior High School, third place

Upper secondary category (years ten, eleven and twelve)

Lisa Nivbrant, St Mary's Anglican Girls' School – first place
Alice Yao, St Mary's Anglican Girls' School – second place
Amy Ge, Rossmoyne Senior High School – third place



About Shaun Tan

Shaun Tan is a celebrated artist and writer who grew up in Perth. He has received numerous awards for his unusual and thought-provoking illustrated books. In 2011, Shaun won an Academy Award for his animated short film *The Lost Thing*, and was honoured with the Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award for his contribution to children's literature. The Shaun Tan Award for Young Artists was established in 2002.

About City of Subiaco

The City of Subiaco is recognised as a local government leader in a range of areas such as environmental and social initiatives, and long-term planning for the future. It is located in the inner metropolitan area of Perth and includes Subiaco, Daglish and parts of Nedlands, Shenton Park, Crawley and Jolimont. A major centre for employment with a diverse and growing business sector, the city provides important services including waste collection, town planning and public recreation facilities to more than 19 000 residents. The city aims to maintain its vibrant sense of community and enhance the lives and well-being of everyone who lives, visits and works in Subiaco. For more information about the City of Subiaco, visit www.subiaco.wa.gov.au