



Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
and Communications

# 2nd Art Competition

## Bridging Borders through Art

Theme: A reflection of People of African Descent

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End date: 16th March, 2012



# INSTRUCTION MANUAL

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# MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND COMMUNICATIONS

## 2<sup>ND</sup> BRIDGING BORDERS THROUGH ART COMPETITION INSTRUCTION MANUAL

### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Communications has obtained permission from the Ministry of Education to conduct the 2<sup>nd</sup> Bridging Borders through Art Competition in all Secondary Schools throughout Trinidad and Tobago during the period 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2012 to 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2012.

In an effort to continue heightening the awareness of the International Year for People of African Descent, which was proclaimed by the United Nations Resolution 64/169, the Ministry has selected the theme "A Reflection of People of African Descent"

The first Bridging Borders through Art Competition was conducted during the period 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2011 to 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2011. 200 entries were received from 56 participating schools throughout Trinidad and Tobago. The judges of the competition were extremely pleased with the high quality of work that was produced by students in the 11-14 age category as well as the 15-18 age category.

As a result, Dr. the Honourable Surujrattan Rambachan, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Communications amended the prize structure of the competition to award all participating students.

Additionally, all images of winning pieces were prominently displayed on the Ministry's 2012 desk calendar, thereby giving exposure to the work of the young artists. Copies of this treasured keepsake were presented to all the winners of the competition. Furthermore, the pieces were distributed to selected Trinidad and Tobago Overseas Missions, the Honourable Prime Minister and other dignitaries.

This year the winning pieces from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Bridging Borders through Art Competition will be delivered to the Honourable Kamla Persad Bissessar, Prime Minister of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago for her to present to officials at the Sixth Summit of the Americas which will be held in Cartagena, Columbia on April 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>, 2012 and will also be displayed at the offices of the Secretariat of the United Nations, United States of America.

## **1.1 BACKGROUND ON THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

The competition is one of the activities identified by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Communications to increase awareness of its initiatives among the Secondary School population.

This initiative along with the other outreach activities of the Ministry will give effect to Government's seven (7) pillars of development: People Centred Development; Poverty Eradication and Social Justice; National and Personal Security; Information and Communication Technologies; A More Diversified, Knowledge Intensive Economy and Good Governance and Foreign Policy.

It will also assist in addressing some other areas identified by the Ministry which include:

- Engagement of the Diaspora through outreach, cultural promotion, trade and investment facilitation and networking;
- Renewal of the public image and the re-positioning of Trinidad and Tobago regionally and internationally;

- Formation of alliances with other government and international agencies;
- Introduction of poverty alleviation measures via the provision of training and employment opportunities and resources from International Organisations; and
- Increasing accessibility of the public to the Ministry.

## 2.0 OBJECTIVES OF THE COMPETITION

The competition aims to:

- Contribute to the development of a balanced student;
- Create an awareness of national culture amongst students;
- Create a market for the work of young national artists; and
- Nurture and encourage the skills/talents of the youth.

### 2.1 CONDITIONS OF THE COMPETITION

Target Group

- Students 11 years to 14 years
- Students 15 years to 18 years

Target Schools

- All Secondary Schools in Trinidad and Tobago

### 2.2 DURATION OF COMPETITION

Six (6) weeks

Activity	Date
➤ Start Date	➤ Monday 6th February, 2012
➤ Completion Date	➤ Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> March, 2012

## 2.3 PRIZE DISTRIBUTION

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2012

## 2.4 GUIDELINES

Students are permitted to develop creative pieces using a single or mixed media approach, utilising a variety of materials and techniques such as markers; paints; paint brushes and colouring pencils in the following categories:

(A) Two dimensional art

Art work on a flat surface (board, metal, cardboard etc.). Submissions must not exceed 22 inches X 24 inches.

(B) Three dimensional art

Art work could be made of clay (fired), metal (wire, aluminium, copper etc), wood, cement, papier mâché, paper, cardboard, found objects (man made, natural) mixed media or a combination of materials. Dimensions must not exceed 2½ feet X 2 feet X 2 feet.

(C) Computer graphics using the computer and other related technology

Dimensions must not exceed 8½ inches X 11 inches.

- All pieces must be submitted with a completed Entry Form signed and stamped by the School Principal. Submissions should be delivered to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Communications, Level 11, Tower C, International Waterfront Complex, 1A Wrightson Road, Port of Spain or the nearest NALIS library no later than 4:15 p.m. on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2011.
- Submissions will become the property of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Communications for subsequent use.
- The judging will be done by a panel of judges, selected by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Communications.
- The decision of the judges is final.
- Immediate relatives of employees of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Communications are not eligible to participate.

- All submissions **MUST** be original work produced by the student.
  - Submissions must be properly packaged to prevent damage or breakage.
  - Submissions which are not awarded prizes can be collected at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Communications during the period Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2012 to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2012. Pieces not collected during this period will be disposed of due to limited storage space.
- ***Please note only one submission per student is permitted.***
  - ***Names or other identifiable markings must not be written or printed on submissions. This information MUST be placed on the entry forms.***

### **3.0 JUDGING OF THE COMPETITION**

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Communications' Panel of Judges will consist of three (3) persons, one (1) from each of the following areas:

- Senior Foreign Service Officer from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Communications;
- Representative from the Ministry of Education; and
- Representative from a reputable Art Studio

The Judges will meet for a period of one (1) week (depending on the number of entries) to evaluate the submissions. This exercise will be conducted at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Communications during the period 20<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> March, 2012. The panel will select the top twenty-five (25) submissions and these submissions will be displayed in an exhibition on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2012.

## 4.0 PRIZES

To encourage participation and to motivate teachers and principals to promote the Art Competition, attractive prizes will be awarded to students and schools as follows:

### 4.1 11 – 14 YEARS CATEGORY

#### STUDENT PRIZES

- 1<sup>ST</sup> \$3,000.00
- 2<sup>ND</sup> \$2,500.00
- 3<sup>RD</sup> \$2,000.00

#### SCHOOL PRIZES

- 1<sup>ST</sup> \$3,000.00
- 2<sup>ND</sup> \$2,500.00
- 3<sup>RD</sup> \$2,000.00

### 4.2 15 – 18 YEARS CATEGORY

#### STUDENT PRIZES

- 1<sup>ST</sup> \$3,000.00
- 2<sup>ND</sup> \$2,500.00
- 3<sup>RD</sup> \$2,000.00

#### SCHOOL PRIZES

- 1<sup>ST</sup> \$3,000.00
- 2<sup>ND</sup> \$2,500.00
- 3<sup>RD</sup> \$2,000.00

### 4.3 CONSOLATION PRIZES

- 4<sup>TH</sup> TO 7<sup>TH</sup> \$1,000.00
- 8<sup>TH</sup> TO 25<sup>TH</sup> \$ 500.00

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