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### **Bermuda National Trust announces winners of 'My Bermuda' art competition**

The Bermuda National Trust is pleased to announce the winners of the student art competition "*My Bermuda*", sponsored by SOMPO International.

The competition, held at the end of last year, invited students to use their artistic skills to communicate their perspective about what Bermuda truly means to them, whether that be aspects of the island's natural heritage or cultural heritage, or their own local connections and inspirations.

In total, 172 entries were received from primary, middle, secondary and home schools across the island. Artwork was judged by representatives from the Bermuda National Trust, Sompo International and two local professional artists.

"We were delighted with the number and quality of the entries," said BNT Executive Director Karen Border. "The judges had a truly tough time assessing the wide range of creative and imaginative submissions, so much so, that it was decided to award several honorable mentions in each age group. Congratulations to the 14 talented winners! The Bermuda National Trust is extremely grateful to Sompo International for sponsoring this wonderful opportunity for Bermuda's young artists."

In the 9-12 year age group, first place and a prize of \$300 was awarded to Sienna Spurling from BHS for her piece entitled 'Home'. In second place with a prize of \$175 was Samiya Senthamaraikaanan of Paget Primary for her artwork entitled 'Gombey' and in third place with a prize of \$75 was Ruth Correia, home schooled, for her digital artwork, 'Bridge the Gap'. Honorable mentions and prizes of \$30 were given to Rita Robinson from West Pembroke Primary, for 'Bermuda Day', Shamar James also from West Pembroke Primary for 'Beautiful Bermuda', Cristina Abend from BHS for 'Through the Moongate', Paget Rytter from BHS for 'Dancing to The Drums' and Thorsen Ringstead from Saltus Grammar School for 'A Stormy Day at Windsor'.

In the 13-18 year age group, first place and a prize of \$500 went to William Brackstone from MSA for his piece entitled 'Troubador'. In second place, with a prize of \$300 and also from MSA was Arianna Smith for her artwork entitled 'The Rectory'. In third place was Imani Brown, who won \$175 for her piece entitled

'Over the Water'. Honorable mentions and prizes of \$50 were awarded to Jessica Bucher of Saltus Grammar School for 'Immersed in Culture', Gemma McPartlin from MSA for 'Turtle by Bermuda' and Luke Westcom from MSA for 'Streetlight.'

The winning artwork will be exhibited at the Bermuda National Trust headquarters "Waterville", Pomander Road until 14 February and can be viewed during regular office hours. All entries to the competition can be viewed on the Bermuda National Trust's website, [www.bnt.bm](http://www.bnt.bm).

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