



Ruskin 200

Art Competition Guidelines

Share your artwork with us! #MNHArtComp

The Oxford University Museum of Natural History has been a source of artistic inspiration since its completion in 1860. Every day we see artists of all abilities at the Museum, with paper and pencil in hand, sketching the collections and the architecture.

In recognition of the bicentenary of John Ruskin's birth and his artistic legacy in the Museum's design, our Ruskin 200 art competition invites visitors to share their artwork inspired by the Museum building and its collections. We wish to provide a opportunity to celebrate visitors' artworks in 2019. Through this open competition a variety of artworks will be selected for display on our website, and, for winning artists, a printed display in the Museum.

The design of the Museum was itself the result of an open competition back in the mid-nineteenth century, and Ruskin even sketched his own designs for windows in the Museum's façade. This competition is an opportunity to share your visions of the Museum today.

To learn more about the history of the Museum and other Ruskin related events in 2019, please check out the Museum's Ruskin 200 webpage:

www.oumnh.ox.ac.uk/Ruskin200

ENTRANTS

Who is the competition for?

Open to 16 years plus from UK and beyond. Entrants can submit their work under one of the four different categories:

- 16-18 years
- Student in further or higher education
- Amateur artist
- Professional artist

THE ARTWORK

What are we looking for?

This competition is interested in submissions of digital images of artwork inspired by the Museum. The work could include some of the collections on display, visitors, and close ups of the some of the architectural features. The submitted artwork must:

- be a digital image of an original work inspired by the Oxford University Museum of Natural History
- depict an artwork that contains a drawn element involving pencil, charcoal, pastels, paints, inks, printmaking, textiles, digital and/or similar mixed media
- have a file size between 3MB and 8MB and be in TIFF or JPEG file format.



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ENTRY PROCESS

This competition opens on the bicentenary of John Ruskin's birth on **Friday 8 February 2019**

It closes on **Sunday 19 May 2019**.

The competition is free to enter.

To enter the competition, submit one high quality image of the work to exhibitions@oum.ox.ac.uk that meets the following requirements:

- Has a file size between 3MB and 8MB and is in JPEG or TIFF format
- Has the entrant's name and submission category in the file name
- Is accompanied by a completed competition submission form with your name, title of work, and entry category, short statement, and signed permission for the Museum to use the image submitted (including use on the University website and social media sites, and potentially in a printed catalogue).

SELECTION PROCESS

One winner per category will be chosen by a team of museum staff from across departments, from an initial short list of all entries drawn up by the competition organising team against the artwork criteria. Additional highly commended recognitions will be given on discretion.

Individual category winners and highly commended entrants will be informed by end of Monday 10 June 2019.

DISPLAY OF WINNING ENTRIES

A digitally printed exhibit showing winning artworks from each category (and select highly commended works), along with artist names and short statements, will go on display over the Museum's busiest period – the summer holidays – in the Museum.

Winning artworks, highly commended and further selected entered images will be displayed as an online gallery on the Museum's website with artists' names. A printed catalogue will be produced, as a printed record of the competition, and go on sale in the Museum's shop (all entrants featured in the catalogue will be given a copy).

FURTHER INFORMATION

Drawing workshops are just one of the variety of events in 2019 as part of Ruskin 200 at the Museum. They are a perfect way to get acquainted with the building and for inspiration, and many are also open to under 16s.

See further events on our webpage: www.oumnh.ox.ac.uk/Ruskin200



Get in touch

We would love to hear from you about the work you are doing in the museum. Share your progress and experiences via Twitter or Instagram by tagging @morethanadodo and using the hashtag #MNHArtComp.

If you have questions about the competition, or if you need assistance then please ask at the Front Desk or contact exhibitions@oum.ox.ac.uk.

The Museum of Natural History is open from 10am – 5pm each day.

A number of art stools are available – just ask at the Front Desk.

Please note, only pencil is permitted for making art inside the museum. Photography is permitted in the museum (for personal use), but no tripods, please.



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