

News Release

ARTISTS SHINE AT CARMICHAEL EXHIBITION

Bridgetown, Barbados, 07 December 2022. For the first time, there was a children's section for the Carmichael Prize Exhibition with the staging of the 18th Annual Exhibition entitled "Tell it with Pride - Images of a Republic".

A total of 92 pieces from 39 artists were displayed at the Gallery of Caribbean Art in Speightstown which has been the home for this exhibition over the years and the added feature this year, was the children who prepared 14 submissions for judging.

In her welcome remarks, Managing Director for Barbados Donna Wellington credited James Gardiner for the idea of the exhibition many years ago and explained that it allowed the public to see the work of the creatives. She commended Sir Trevor Carmichael, patron of the exhibition, and the gallery for keeping the event alive even through the pandemic and expressed delight at seeing the sector spring back to life.

Sir Trevor, in his remarks commended the Gallery of Caribbean Art for its longevity in hosting the exhibition as it was the 22nd year at the gallery. He pointed out that he was happy to see the focus on children this year and on heritage, especially as it has always been resident in the historic town of Speightstown which he pointed out is often the forgotten town.

He also pointed out that the decision on a winner was not restricted to the judges only but there was a People's Choice prize for the competition.

The judges report came from Neil Brennan, who is also the Chief Administrative Officer at the bank, who explained that the interpretation and application of the theme was wide but when it came down to a final decision, it was a unanimous one from the team of judges. The children's group, he said, was the hardest from which to pick a winner, as there was such immense talent entered.

The first prize in the children's category was Zion Hinds with a presentation called Historic Celebration. In the adult category, Alisha Smith took the first prize in the Amateur grouping with her 'Sleeping Giant,' in the Established Artists group Keisha Carrington-Pinder copped the first prize with "Annals of Time" while the People's Choice winner for 2022 was Cathy Alkins with 'On the Way'

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People's Choice winner Cathy Alkins explains how she incorporated the shadows into the photo to Mark St. Hill, CEO of CIBC FirstCaribbean (left) and Paul Michael Jenkins, International Investment Advisor.



Keisha Carrington-Pinder (Centre) explains aspects of the prized 'Annals of Time' to Mark St. Hill CEO CIBC FirstCaribbean, and Donna Wellington, Managing Director for Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean.



Sir Trevor and Lady Carmichael speaking with winning artist Keisha Carrington-Pinder and Steve Pinder.



1. The winning painting 'Annals of Time'

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