

Through the Eyes of Children

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More than 200 pictures - the best of 2,500 - from all over Russia, CIS countries, the US, Korea, and Scotland were displayed in the House of Journalists at 70 Nevsky Prospekt for an exhibition called "Children's Planet."

It was the fourth Nevsky Raduga (Nevsky Rainbow) Competition of children's creative works organised by the professional artists and lecturers of the Boris Yoganon Academic Art Lyceum. Programme leader Peter Lerner said that it was very difficult to choose the winners from such a large number of entries. Young artists in America, Scotland, and Korea sent in amazing drawings on themes relating to the history and culture of their native lands. Popular festivals, favorite spots in the city, beloved parents - whatever pleased or worried the artists - are expressed in the pictures.

The competition winners were Sasha Hramtsov and Liza Kuliba from St. Petersburg; Natasha Lavrenteva from Priozersk; Glafira Ivanova from Sochi; Magomet Mirzayev from Makhachkala; and other talented art-school students. The work of the youngest participant, three-year-old Yana Sidорова - 'Mama Olya' - drew particular attention. Hvan Cho Ron from Korea and Karu Klechesky from the US received recognition from viewers. The drawings of disabled children were exhibited in another hall.

Peter Lerner is preparing the next competition - "Petersburg and Petersburgers". The exhibition will be held during the city's 300th anniversary celebrations and all young artists are invited to enter this international competition.

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Exhibition participants attend Master Class.

Painting in the Russian Museum. Valya Krotova, 9 years old. Leningrad Region.

