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## **dot-art Schools announces new exhibition venue for Cheshire's inter-school art competition!**

[dot-art Schools](#) is delighted to announce Chester's new culture hub Storyhouse as the exhibition venue for the second year of our inter-school art competition across Cheshire West and Chester, Cheshire East and Warrington.

dot-art Schools is currently welcoming applications from schools in Cheshire and Warrington to showcase the artistic skills of their Year 5 and Year 9 students. Registration is open until Christmas for mainstream and Special Educational Needs schools, both primary and secondary, to take part in the highly anticipated 2017/2018 art competition.

Storyhouse is Chester's brand new £37m theatre, library and restored 1930's cinema and will be proudly hosting the public exhibition of leading entries from Cheshire's dot-art School competition. The annual competition entries can be of any theme and will be shortlisted by noted arts professionals, culminating in a public exhibition with winners selected by an online public vote. A prestigious award ceremony is hosted for students and their families where the overall winners and runners up are chosen by a special guest judge.

Alex Clifton, the Artistic Director of Storyhouse comments "I'm delighted Storyhouse will be working with dot-art Schools to bring this ever-growing and successful project into the heart of Chester. Storyhouse is a home for our community's creativity and this special project has given us a chance to inspire many children and young people in our area to discover their artistic talents."

Since the inaugural year of dot-art Schools in Liverpool in 2012 the competition has thrived and expanded with over 200 schools taking part to date and over 4000 young artists. The Cheshire competition was successfully launched last year through a partnership with Liverpool John Moores University. dot-art Schools is committed to championing creative education in schools and through its inter-school competition, gives young people confidence and pride in their creative abilities, skills used in a vast number of career pathways.

The overall winners of last year's competition were **Brigid** from **St Nicholas Catholic High School** for her piece 'Ganesha' and **Milo** from **Kelsall Primary School** for his piece 'Barn Owl'. The winners were awarded a variety of prizes and as overall winner, Brigid received a scholarship to dot-art, giving her a year's membership to [dot-art's network](#), allowing her to showcase and sell her work alongside professional artists.

As well as inviting schools to sign up to the competition we are currently seeking companies who believe in the importance of creative education to become [dot-art Schools Champions](#). Many schools would love to take part in the dot-art Schools programme but budget cuts have made it a challenge, so for a small contribution you could enable a school to take part in our programme.

Schools can sign up to the programme until 20<sup>th</sup> December 2017. Find out how by visiting: <http://schools.dot-art.com> emailing [schools@dot-art.com](mailto:schools@dot-art.com) or calling 0345 017 6660.

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## **dot-art**

dot-art was founded in Liverpool in 2006 and specialises in affordable, high quality, locally sourced art. We work with over 100 artists to provide an unrivaled choice of original art and limited edition prints for home or business, as well as offering a range of complementary services including; commissions, art rental, art consultancy, exhibition planning and implementation, bespoke framing, art valuation and restoration and artist sourcing.

All our work supports our **not-for profit arm, dot-art Services CIC**, which exists to support North-West based visual artists, both emerging and established, through a range of services and opportunities designed to help them develop their careers and gain exposure and promotion for their work, as well as delivering a programme of art classes across Liverpool; and [dot-art Schools](http://schools.dot-art.com), our innovative inter school art competition, launched in 2012.

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