Drawing competition for a jewel of classical music: Vivaldi's 4 Seasons

Vivaldi: Four Seasons through the Eyes of Children

Children, parents, kindergarten groups, school classes, teachers, young and old ATTENTION!

The Festival Academy Budapest is announcing an international drawing competition for children and adults to bring to life Vivaldi's original musical notations, which he has hidden in the score of The Four Seasons.

While the artists play, Vivaldi paints the four seasons in words. We want you to not only hear, but see what the music is all about this evening, during our FAB Summerfest concert in front of a crowd of 800!

The Festival Academy Budapest invites artworks with in 5 age groups. Pencil, felttip pen, charcoal, oil pastel, pastel chalk, crayon, watercolour, tempera, watercolour, acrylic, oil paint, any creative use of materials, or mixed media can be used. Artwork created using digital drawing software is also accepted (except for images created using artificial intelligence).

Submissions on paper are welcome from A4 to A2 size. Please indicate the name, age, school, contact details (phone, e-mail), title of the work and the technique chosen.

Deadline: 15 June 2024.

Prizes: the winning works will be displayed in the Great Hall of the Academy of Music, the winners will receive a certificate and their works will be auctioned for charity.

Three winners will be announced in each category and special prizes will be awarded.

The winning works will be proudly presented on 20 July in the Great Hall of the Liszt Academy, where we will bring the images to life on screen.

After the concert, the paintings will be auctioned with the proceeds going to the Vivaldi Foundation for young talent.

The competition is free to enter and entries are welcome by sending a scan of the artworks to office@festivalacademy.org until the 15th of June.

Entrants will be invited to a family concert on 20 July at 11am, with free entry for the applicant and one parent.

The 100 winning creators will be invited to an evening concert on the same day at 19:00 with an extra accompanist.

1. Category - Kindergarden

- "Springtime is upon us. The birds celebrate her return with festive song," (spring)
- "Led by the festive sound of rustic bagpipes" (spring)
- "We hear the cuckoo's voice" (summer)
- "Soft breezes stir the air" (summer)
- ",dance the harvest" (summer)
- "We feel the chill north winds coarse through the home despite the locked and bolted doors, this is winter, which nonetheless brings its own delights." (tél)
- "We tread the icy path slowly and cautiously, for fear of tripping and falling!" (tél)

2. Category - Primary School younger classes

- "the goat-herd sleeps, his faithful dog beside him." (spring)
- "Thunderstorms, those heralds of Spring, roar, casting their dark mantle over heaven," (spring)
- "by fear of lightning's flash and thunder's roar, as gnats and flies buzz furiously around." (summer)
- "and great hailstones beat down upon the proudly standing corn. (summer)
- "The hunters emerge at dawn!" (autumn)
- "We feel the chill north winds coarse through the home despite the locked and bolted doors, this is winter, which nonetheless brings its own delights" (winter)
- "stinging winds" (winter)

3. Category - Primary School older classes

- "nymphs and shepherds lightly dance beneath the brilliant canopy of spring." (spring)
- "men and flocks are sweltering" (summer)
- ",flies buzz furiously around" (summer)
- "fearful of violent storm and what may lie ahead!" (summer)
- "then sweet songs of the turtle dove and finch are heard." (summer)
- ",eady for the chase, with horns and dogs and cries" (autumn)
- "Shivering, frozen mid the frosty snow in biting" (winter)
- "hasten on across the ice lest it cracks up." (winter)

4. Category – High School

- "On the flower-strewn meadow, with leafy branches rustling overhead," (spring)
- "Beneath the blazing sun's relentless heat" (summer)
- "heavens roar and great hailstones beat down" (summer)
- "Ön kicsit talán becsípett?" Maga is pityókás" (autumn)

- "Terrified and wounded, the prey struggles on" (autumn)
- "Their quarry flees while they give chase" (autumn)
- "teeth chattering in the bitter chill." (winter)
- "To rest contentedly beside the hearth, while those outside are drenched by pouring rain" (winter)

5. Category – University

- "and murmuring streams are softly caressed by the breezes." (spring)
- "Then they die away to silence, and the birds take up their charming songs once more." (spring)
- "The shepherd trembles" (summer)
- "The peasant celebrates with song and dance the harvest safely gathered in.

The cup of Bacchus flows freely, and many find their relief in deep slumber." (autumn) "but, harried, dies" (autumn)

- ",running to and fro to stamp one's icy feet" (winter)
- "We feel the chill north winds coarse through the home despite the locked and bolted doors" (winter)