

ILLUSTRATION

BP PORTRAIT AWARD 2016 PAINTING COMPETITION

DEADLINE

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2016

ENTRIES CLOSED

POSTED	ENTRY FEE	ONLINE
26 Nov 2015	SEE ARTICLE DETAILS	VISIT ORGANIZER

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SOURCE: GRAPHIC COMPETITIONS

The Portrait Award, now in its thirty-seventh year at the National Portrait Gallery and twenty-seventh year of sponsorship by BP, is the most prestigious portrait painting competition in the world. With a first prize of 30,000 GBP (approx. 45,260 USD), and a total prize fund of 61,000 GBP (approx. 92,000 USD), the Award is aimed at encouraging artists to focus upon and develop portraiture in their work.

The work entered must be predominantly painted in oil, tempera or acrylic on canvas or board. No watercolours, pastels or works on paper will be considered.

To enter the BP Portrait Award 2016, artists should upload a digital image of their work via the website for a first round of judging. All images will be viewed by a panel of judges and the entrants who are successful in this round will be invited to deliver their work to a venue in London for the second round of judging and final exhibition selection.

You are required to upload one photograph of your entire portrait. You also have the option to submit an extra photograph of a detail of the work. This may be a good opportunity to show the level of detail, the texture of the paint or a particular area of interest in the composition.

If your work is not entirely complete at the time of registration you can still enter the competition. The first round of judging will be based on the image that you upload.

Entry is limited to one entry per artist. The work must be no smaller than 25 x 20cm (10 x 8â€) unframed and no larger than 244 x 244cm (96 x 96â€) framed. Multi part works (up to three parts) will be accepted and regarded as one work. However, the combined parts of the part must not exceed the maximum size allowed.

Entry fee is 40 GBP (approx. 60 USD).

ELIGIBILITY

Open to everyone worldwide aged 18 and over.

PRIZE

• First Prize: a cash award of 30,000 GBP (approx. 45,260 USD), plus, at the judges' discretion, a commission worth 5,000 GBP, to be agreed between the National Portrait Gallery and the artist.

• Second Prize: 10,000 GBP (approx. 15,080 USD) • Third Prize: 8,000 GBP (approx. 12,060 USD) • BP Young Artist Award: 7,000 GBP (approx. 10,550 USD) • BP Travel Award 2016: 6,000 GBP (approx. 9,050 USD)

The BP Portrait Award 2016 exhibition will run at the National Portrait Gallery, London, from Thursday 23 June to Sunday 18 September 2016.