



# Ruskin 200 Young Artists Art Competition Guidelines

Share your artwork with us! #MNHArtComp

The Oxford University Museum of Natural History has been a source of artistic inspiration since its completion in 1860. Every day we see artists of all ages and abilities drawing the collections in the Museum.

We would like to celebrate the creativity of our younger visitors, and invite you to share your artwork inspired by the Museum through entering our **Ruskin 200 Young Artists Competition**.

A variety of artworks will be selected for display within the Museum.

This competition is part of our wider Ruskin 200 programme marking the bicentenary of John Ruskin's birth and his artistic legacy in the Museum's design

To learn more about the history of the Museum and other Ruskin related events in 2019, please check out the Museum's Ruskin 200 webpage:

[www.oumnh.ox.ac.uk/Ruskin200](http://www.oumnh.ox.ac.uk/Ruskin200)

## ENTRANTS

**Who is the competition for?**

Open to 5 -15 year olds from the UK and beyond. Entrants can submit their work under one of three different categories:

- 5 -7 years
- 8 -11 years
- 12 -15 years

## THE ARTWORK

**What are we looking for?**

This competition is interested in 2D drawings inspired by the Museum and its collections. The submitted artwork must:

- be an original work inspired by the Oxford University Museum of Natural History
- be a maximum size of A4
- be an artwork on paper in pencil, coloured pencil, crayons and/or collage

For inspiration come along to our Ready, Steady, Draw! workshops on the 11, 18 and 25 May. Materials will be provided and you will have the opportunity to submit your work on the day.

For more information and drawing resources see our webpage.



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**Natural  
History**  
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## ENTRY PROCESS

This competition opens on the bicentenary of John Ruskin's birth on **Saturday 11 May 2019**

It closes on **Sunday 14 July 2019**.

The competition is free to enter.

There are two options for submitting artworks:

1. In person, at the Front Desk of the Museum, with a completed submission form.
2. Emailed as a digital photo, with a completed submission form, to [exhibitions@oum.ox.ac.uk](mailto:exhibitions@oum.ox.ac.uk)

If entering via option 2, please follow the additional guidelines below:

- attach a digital file that has a size between 3MB and 8MB and is in JPEG or TIFF format
- include the entrant's name and submission category in the file name

All entries must be accompanied by a completed competition submission form with the entrants name, age, title of artwork, and signed permissions for the Museum to use the image submitted (for potential display and including use on the University website and social media sites). There will also be opportunity to write a short statement about the artwork on the submission form.

## SELECTION PROCESS

In each of the three categories, there will be one winner and two highly commended entries chosen by a team of Museum staff.

Individual category winners and highly commended entrants will be informed by end of **Wednesday 31 July 2019**.

If you have not heard back by **Thursday 1 August** your entry was unsuccessful. Please pick up your work by **Saturday 7 September** or it will be disposed of.

## DISPLAY OF WINNING ENTRIES

The winning and highly commended artworks from each category, along with entrant's first name, age, county/city and short statement, will go on display in the Museum from Wednesday 7 August to Monday 30 September 2019.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

See further events on our webpage: [www.oumnh.ox.ac.uk/Ruskin200](http://www.oumnh.ox.ac.uk/Ruskin200)



## Get in touch

We would love to hear from you about the work you are doing in the museum. Share your progress and experiences via Twitter or Instagram by tagging @morethanadodo and using the hashtag #MNHArtComp.

If you have questions about the competition, or if you need assistance then please ask at the Front Desk or contact [exhibitions@oum.ox.ac.uk](mailto:exhibitions@oum.ox.ac.uk).

The Museum of Natural History is open from 10am – 5pm each day.

A number of art stools are available – just ask at the Front Desk.

Please note, only pencil is permitted for making art inside the museum. Photography is permitted in the museum (for personal use), but no tripods, please.