

## NEWS RELEASE

### Showcase your talented Year 6 and Year 9 artists!

*dot-art Schools, with the support of returning sponsor Rathbones, are recruiting for their 4th annual art competition now.*

dot-art Schools are delighted to announce Rathbones' continued sponsorship of its programme for a second year. dot-art Schools is an interactive, online, inter-school art competition which culminates in an exhibition of the winning artworks in Liverpool city centre. Arts professionals shortlist entries and the public vote to select the winners. The competition is open to both primary (year 6) and secondary (year 9) schools in the six boroughs of the Liverpool City Region. It is designed to nurture talent, raise ambition, and take art out of the classroom and into the real world.

dot-art Schools 2014-15 overall year 9 winner Georgia Allen and her Head of Art, Anthony Bennett from Rainhill High School were recently invited to visit one of dot-art Schools competition sponsors Rathbones, at their historic Port of Liverpool offices. While operating as a local team, their Liverpool office is part of one of the UK's largest wealth management firms, Rathbone Brothers Plc, which has a listing on the London Stock Exchange. During the visit Georgia got to see her winning artwork on display and met Andrew Butcher Rathbones Chief Operating Officer and Andrew Morris, Head of Investment Management.

*Commenting on the launch of the competition, Rathbones' Chief Operating Officer, Andrew Butcher, said:*

***"Rathbones is proud to sponsor the dot-art Schools competition once again. We are committed to investing in future generations both in Liverpool and across the UK, whether it be through our successful apprenticeship programme or this fantastic challenge for young aspiring artists. The arts are a great way to engage with both our clients and the wider community and this celebration of young creative talent compliments our work in both these areas."***

Since 2012 over 2500 children from over 80 Primary and Secondary schools in the Liverpool City Region have participated. Entering the competition is a valuable way to raise the profile of your school, show it's commitment to creativity, and involve students families.

#### **Schools can sign up until 16th December 2015!**

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## Editors Notes

### dot-art Schools

The dot-art Schools programme has been developed by dot-art, a Liverpool based independent and multifaceted arts organisation which has been supporting artists and developing innovative and creative visual arts projects and initiatives since 2005.

We are now using our skills, experience and expertise to give the young people of the region access to an exciting new public platform for their creative output, and a taste of the way the art world works.

Find out more on our website <http://schools.dot-art.com>

Bay TV – Arts Alive, broadcast featuring the 2015 event [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hT\\_mcq0ulQc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hT_mcq0ulQc)

View photographs of 2014 -15 prize giving events and exhibition at St George's Hall. <http://schools.dot-art.com/exhibition/year2015>

dot-art is made up of two arms:

**dot-art Services CIC** is a not-for-profit organisation which exists to support North-West based visual artists, both emerging and established, through a range of services and activities designed to help them develop their careers and gain exposure and promotion for their work.

**dot-art Ltd** is an art gallery and consultancy based in Liverpool city centre, specialising in affordable, high quality, locally sourced art, on a sale, commission and rental basis, as well as offering a range of complementary services including; art consultancy, exhibition planning and implementation, bespoke framing, art valuation and restoration and artist sourcing.

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