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IMAGES 36: BEST OF BRITISH ILLUSTRATION AWARD WINNERS

The winners of Images 36: Best of British Illustration competition have been announced at a special award ceremony at Somerset House. This is an annual event organised by the Association of Illustrators (AOI) which this year attracted over 1500 entries. 83 artists are displayed in the exhibition, with 240 artists represented by 360 works in the book. The Images 36 exhibition is currently showing at Somerset House until 28 October before going on tour.

Advertising Category

Gold Award Winner - Ruth Hydes for '*Smithfield Market*'

Silver Award winner – Steve Simpson for '*Winter Wonderland*'

Bronze Award winner – Andy Smith for '*The Big Fish Fight*'

Books Category

Gold Award – Rod Hunt for '*Looking For Transwonderland Adventures In Nigeria*'

Silver Award – Jonathan Burton for '*Lucky Jim*'

Bronze Award – Brian Grimwood for '*Jessica D'este*'

Children's Books Category

Gold Award – Richard Johnson for '*The Wild Wood*'

Silver Award – Kristyna Litten for '*Returning Spring*'

Bronze Award – Adam Graff for '*Toy Hospital*'

Design Category

Gold Award – Lizzie Mary Cullen for '*Lightwells at Somerset House*'

Silver Award – Barry Croucher for '*Hadrian's Wall*'

Bronze Award – Andy Smith for '*Finish What You Start*'

Editorial Category

Gold Award – Stephen Collins for '*Crabs*'

Silver Award – Stuart McReath for *'Ofsted Narrows The Gap'*

Bronze Award – Daniel Pudles for *'Songwriter Shot Dead'*

New Media Awards

Gold Award – Steve May for *'Anger'*

Self Promotion Awards

Gold Award – Olaf Hajek for *'African Beauty'*

Silver Award – Nicola Robinson for *'Downtown'*

Bronze Award – Louise Weir for *'Afternoon Nap'*

New Talent Category

Gold Award – Emma Haines for *'Gallop'*

Silver Award – Artemis Evlogimenou for *'First Day On A Spaceship'*

Bronze Award – Lauren Gentry for *'Running on Time'*

The judging panel of the awards consisted of **Noma Bar**, international Illustrator, **Sue Buswell**, Deputy Publisher Picture Books, Random House Children's Publishing, **Lisa Dickinson**, Director, The Art Buying Company who judged the Advertising, Children's Books and New Talent categories; **Anrick Bregman**, Director, Unit 9, Jo Cochrane, Art Director, G2 at the Guardian; **Gareth Howat**, Creative Director, Hat-trick Design who judged the Design, Editorial and New Media categories; **David Foldvari**, Illustrator, **Alasdair Oliver**, Art Director, Hodder and Stoughton General, and **Michael Salu**, Artistic Director, Granta Publications who judged the Books and Self-promotion categories.

**For further information, including profiles of the illustrators, please contact:
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General website: www.theaoi.com

Details of Images exhibition: www.aoiimages.com

Somerset House website: www.somersethouse.org.uk

Note for editors:

Association of Illustrators

The Association of Illustrators (AOI) is a non-profit trade association with a membership that includes freelance illustrators, agents, clients, students and colleges. Established in 1973, it is the leading body to represent illustrators in the UK and campaigns for illustrators' rights, continually working to increase the professional standing of illustrators, commercially and artistically. The AOI works to improve contract content and contracting practice extended to illustrators by commissioners. It publishes a quarterly magazine, 'Varoom!' and produces the annual 'Images' competition and touring exhibition, now in its 36th year, which celebrates the best in contemporary British illustration.