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RPA-Luas Art Competition 2008

Railway Procurement Agency today announced the results of the RPA-Luas Art Competition 2008. This competition is run in association with Dublin Culture Night held on September 19th 2008 which was organised by Temple Bar Cultural Trust.

Artists were invited to submit a poster which could be displayed at Luas stops and on trams. A panel of distinguished judges was assembled and a winning entry was chosen - with some difficulty! The standard of entries was exceptionally high with a large range of media being entered including painting, graphic design, poetry and photography.

The winning entry will feature on the cover of the limited edition RPA calendar 2009 and the twelve runner-up entries were each awarded a month on the calendar. The judging panel also awarded Special Merit awards on this occasion due to the high quality of entries received.

Pierre-Emmanuel Godet is the overall winner of the RPA-Luas Art Competition 2008 for his winning entry "Jungle LUAS". (See attached) This portrays the current state of Dublin traffic and interaction with the Red & Green Luas Lines in the urban jungle. Pierre-Emmanuel is a self taught artist originally from France and now lives in Dublin. The winners and runners up received their prizes at the official prize giving ceremony at The Shelbourne Hotel adjacent to the Luas stop at St. Stephen's Green, Dublin.

RPA Chief Executive Officer Frank Allen thanked all those who had submitted entries and said that he hoped that this competition would allow artists an opportunity to show their work to the thousands of people who use Luas every day in Dublin. "This is the second year of the competition and the judging panel were very impressed with the quality of the entries." Mr. Allen said that he was delighted to see that there was such a variety of entrants across age groups, geographic locations, ethnic background and gender.

The prize winners can be viewed at www.rpa.ie/en/rpa/art

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