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**The Hoffmann Foundation for Autisms' Exhibition and Prize Competition for 2018/19**

Dear Enquirer,

*The Hoffmann Foundation for Autism has been providing an art service for adults with asc since 1991 and providing a competition since 2009. Realistic cash prizes are offered in order to attract high quality entrants but all work that is sent to us will be exhibited and apart from the entry fee (£10 per picture) there are no other costs to the artists (no commission on sales for example).*

*We have been very lucky in our supporters and in particular the generosity of the Shirley Foundation who have been providing cash prizes ever since we began. Special mention must also be made of PJR Creative Building who have contributed an inspired prize this year, The Buildings of the Future, intended to stimulate the imagination of our artists. The portrait prize is also new this year and probably presents the biggest challenge of all. All entrants are eligible for the main prize but you should indicate on your entry form if you also intend your work to be entered for either of the prizes designated as 'The Buildings of the Future' or 'The Portrait Prize'. **If you intend to submit more than one entry please p/copy the entry form provided for each separate art work.** From August you should be able to download info & entry forms from our web-site.*

***In this information pack you will find:***

- *A set of Rules for the Competition*
- *A flyer giving details of the Prizes*
- *An A3 poster which we hope you will hang in a public space to help attract other artists*
- *A photograph of the back of a picture indicating the best way to present your picture for hanging*
- *Directions to the Studios and Workshops in Wood Green*
- *Directions to Bruce Castle Museum and Gallery*

*The Prize Giving and the Private View will be held in February 2019 at a date to be arranged, this is because our Gallery is about half the size of our usual display area and it may be necessary to show the work in two separate events in order that artists have equal exposure for their work. This may entail two separate hangings either before or after Christmas and we will have to set the judge's decisions and our private view towards the end of our allocated time, so please keep in touch.*

*It's also hoped to show films about autism, or at least about autistic themes, autistic central characters, autistic dilemmas and so on which I'm sure some of you will welcome as light relief. I will also try to find informed speakers, at least for the Private View and persuade dignitaries to open the proceedings.*

*Finally I would like to thank you for your interest and participation. The cost of entry has been reduced to £10 per picture in order to encourage more entries following some just comments last time around, no one should feel excluded by the cost. One of my greatest pleasures is organising this competition and meeting so many kind, generous and passionate people, whether the artists or just mum and dad.*

Best wishes, *Ian Wilson*