

Lions Clubs  
International

P e a c e  
Poster Contest





*Naomi Hamada, Japan*

Children, ages 11 through 13, are challenged to draw, paint or sketch their interpretations of the annual contest's theme. Since 1988, more than 1.9 million children from around the world have expressed their feelings about world peace through the contest.

Each year a different theme is selected to help spark the artists' imaginations. Past themes have reflected the Lions' concern for the environment and the welfare of all people, and the belief that the journey to world peace begins with a small step.



*Edward Harris, England*

Lions clubs worldwide sponsor the contest with area schools and organized youth groups. To reach the international finalist competition, posters must advance through four levels of judging. Through all the levels, the posters are evaluated on artistic merit, expression of theme and originality.

The 24 finalist posters represent the best efforts of the more than 325,000 children who enter annually. One grand prize winner is selected from the finalists by a panel of internationally-renowned individuals associated



*Denise Jiras, Peru*



*Don Nemesio Miranda III, Philippines*



*Shaw*

with the arts, peace and children. The remaining posters are named merit award winners.

The grand prize winner receives US\$2,500 and a trip for the artist and two family members to Lions Day with the United Nations for the special awards ceremony. Merit award winners each receive US\$500 and a framed certificate.

Grand prize winners have spanned the globe, reflecting the truly international scope of the contest. Past

winners have been from Lebanon, Italy, Martinique, Japan, Indonesia, Turkey, the United States, the Philippines, Peru and the Republic of South Africa.

Each year the grand prize and merit award winning posters are exhibited throughout the world. By bringing the exhibit to the public, the Lions hope that people will be inspired by the insight and artistic talent of these children. Displays have travelled to Hong Kong, Korea, Australia and Canada. In the United States, the posters have been exhibited at such prestigious locations



*In DeRos, Canada*



*James Aquino, United States*

as the United Nations and Empire State Building in New York City; the Museum of Science and Industry and Chicago Children's Museum in Chicago; and the Senate Office Building in Washington D.C.

The Lions International Peace Poster Contest encourages children to use their imaginations and express their feelings about peace and the world they live in.

Through this contest, the Lions have found that seeing the world through a child's eye can be an enlightening experience.

Though they come from different backgrounds and speak different languages, and many have lived in the shadow of war for their entire lives, the concept of peace is a universal concern among children from every corner of the globe. Their efforts to communicate this precious concept may be the beginning of a more peaceful world for us all.



*Peace, tolerance and international understanding are some of the most important concepts we can teach our children. That is why Lions Clubs International created the International Peace Poster Contest— to give young people a chance to think about world peace and creatively express what it means to them.*



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