

Festival in honor of the winners of The Third International Contest 'Fairy-Tales of a Beautiful Heart: Life as Wonder'

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The Third International Contest of children's creative works 'The Fairy-tales of a Beautiful Heart' was held under the aegis of the UN Commission of the Russian Federation. Thousands of children from 48 regions of Russia and 8 countries took part in the contest. During the whole year, the children were making up stories, writing essays, creating wonderful illustrations for fairy-tales. As a sign of finishing the contest, the Award Ceremony was held at the Centre of Esthetic Education 'Musseyon' affiliated to the Pushkin State Museum of Arts.

The exhibition of the winners' works 'Wonders in painting' was organized in the foyer. Children were welcomed by funny clowns and fairy heroes and enjoyed playing the Virtue scope game.



The program began with an inauguration of the exhibition and a greeting of the participants. Tatiana Shakhnovskaya, Chairwoman of the Organizing Committee, congratulated all the children on their success and pointed out that in the competition, there were no winners or losers, but each participant made their own contribution in creating a wonderful world of creativity, love and mutual understanding.

BK students of the Centre of Spiritual Development Elena Titova and Larissa Gridina welcomed the gathering with the vivid song 'The Smile'. The puppet theatre 'As guests in fairy-tales' under the guidance of Ms. Kolabskaya performed the dances 'Insects on the meadow' and 'The merry orchestra'. The theme of the Third Contest sounded very inspiring – 'Life as Wonder!' However, wonders cannot be imagined without a magician: Nikolai Lobayev made everyone laugh with his funny and genius tricks.



In the first part of the program the participants were to go to the land of creativity accompanied by Masters. All the children and adults were divided into groups. The youngest ones went to the Pushkin Museum of Arts with Maria Drezkina, a wonderful artist and art-therapist.



There were interesting master-classes for all other children: 'The Art of illustration' by Olga Skladnyova, 'Listening to the heart' by a famous writer Elena Yange. Reversova Lyudmila, musician and pedagogue, conducted a lesson on the topic 'The art as a means for creating a musical image' for adults. The parents appreciated the conversation with psychologist Natalia Kolmanovskaya on 'A teenager in the modern world'.



Mr. Politkovsky, a famous TV moderator and journalist, a teacher at the High School of Television and the old friend of the Contest, came to congratulate the children. The Commission of the Russian Federation on UNESCO affairs and the Moscow Department of Culture sent their greetings. The Moscow Education Department and the Association of librarians of school libraries gave books and educational games to all the participants. Mrs. Smerechenskaya, a representative of the Committee of public relations and the Moscow House of NGOs congratulated the children.

After a short break, all the participants gathered in the hospitable hall of the Musseyon Centre for the Festive Award Ceremony. Mr. Alexander Vlassov, a TV moderator of the MIR channel, was a stage coordinator.

Suddenly the light in the hall went off and the Fairy of Light appeared out of the darkness! She also congratulated all the participants, saying that there is so much light of kindness and love in children's works, that the whole World became lighter.

The BK band of the Centre of Spiritual Development shared a musical gift with the whole gathering, The Hungarian Waltz by Y. Brahms and 'Under the Paris Sky' by Hubert Giraud.



The initiators and organizers of the Contest were invited on the stage: BK Sudha Rani Gupta, Brahma Kumaris, Director of the Centre of Spiritual Development, Tatiana Shakhnovskaya, Chairwoman of the Organizing Committee of the Contest, Yelena Sukhankina, Co-chairwoman of the Jury and a representative of the Department of the philological education of the Moscow Institute of Open Education. They congratulated all the winners and participants and wished them great success and new victories. Each of them said words of encouragement and wished the children to transform the world around them, helping people to become better.



All the children were invited to the stage, where they were rewarded with diplomas and gifts while their works were presented on the screen.

The organizers, partners, writers and artists awarded the children. The project 'Present a tree' became a special gift; now each participant of the Ceremony has their own tree, the Manchurian nut tree. In spring 2015, the saplings of these trees will be planted.

The main themes of the fairy-tales were wonder of nature, love for nature, mercy and kindness towards all lives, care and help.

There were many poems among the works too!

The children created very poetic images to describe human relationships: Japanese Sakura, ray and cornflowers, caring bees, a watchful cat, cucumber and paprika as friends and many other... One of the participants compared the souls of people with butterflies: the more beautiful your soul is, the kinder your heart is, the more decorated your butterfly is, the higher it can fly.



The week-sighted Leonid Shorokhov, Co-founder of the project for blind children 'Fairy-tale for All' came to congratulate the children together with the week-sighted singer and composer Elena Kukharensko, whose songs are very heart-touching.

Svetlana Miloradova, an anchorwoman, TV Channel 'Russia' and Alexander Vlassov read the fairy-tale 'The Stars of Kindness' written by Maxim Zaychenko, the youngest participant of the contest.

To greet the winners Zhanna and Vassilisa Yakovenko specially came from Smolensk. They sang about wonder of childhood and performed the beautiful song by Tatiana Zaluzhnaya 'Let us be happy'.

At the end, the organizers thanked all the participants for their invaluable contribution and invited them to participate in the forthcoming Contest.

