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## British Motor Museum launches Young Artist competition

The British Motor Museum has launched a young artists competition to celebrate the opening of the new exhibition, *'The Gallery 2024'*. This exclusive contest gives young artists with a passion for automotive art, the chance to showcase their work at the Museum over the summer. There are three age categories for entry: under 11s, 11-16 years, and 17-25 years.

The deadline for entries is Monday 8 July. Entries in all mediums of artwork, including drawings, paintings, sculptures, and digital art are welcomed. The entry form can be found on the Museum's website.

The competition will be judged by an esteemed panel, including artists John Ketchell and Kate Alger, Rupert Whyte from Historic Car Art, and Stephen Laing, Head of Collections & Engagement at the British Motor Museum. The winning artworks will be displayed in the Museum from Friday 26 July. The winner of each age category will also receive £50 worth of art vouchers, thanks to a generous donation from LifeWithArt.

In addition, and thanks to the generosity of the Museum's Founder Patron, Peter Mitchell, each winner will have the opportunity to spend half a day with one of the artists featured in the exhibition, getting tips on everything from how to set the scene for their next artwork to how to succeed with art as a career.

Those looking for inspiration for their entry should stop by "The Gallery 2024" during their next visit to the Museum! *"The Gallery 2024"* is a continuing collaboration with Historic Car Art, which will run until 30 June 2024. The exhibition showcases 19 of the UK's most talented automotive artists including Simon Britnell, Kate Alger, John Ketchell, Emma Capener and Neil Collins. The artists work with a variety of media, including acrylics, oil, watercolour, pen, and pastels.

Stephen Laing, Head of Collections & Engagement at the British Motor Museum, said, "We're delighted to collaborate for a second year with Historic Car Art to showcase the work of some of Britain's most talented artists and to launch this competition alongside the

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exhibition. We're looking forward to receiving some really inspiring artwork from the next generation of aspiring artists".

Access to the exhibition is included with standard Museum admission tickets. Museum entry is just £43 for a family in advance or £49 on the day, £16 for adults in advance or £19 on the day, £14 for concessions in advance or £17 on the day, £9 for children (5-16 years) in advance or £10 on the day and under 5s are FREE. There is also the option to Gift Aid or donate your entry fee and get an Annual Pass in return at no extra cost. To find out more information about the exhibition, please visit the website at <https://www.britishmotormuseum.co.uk/explore/the-gallery>

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**Notes to editors**

- The British Motor Museum houses the collections of the British Motor Industry Heritage Trust - over 400 cars spanning the classic, vintage and veteran eras and a fabulous archive of film, photographs, personal papers and business documents.
- The British Motor Industry Heritage Trust (the Trust) is an independent educational charity formed in 1983. The Registered Charity Number is 286575. Its mission is to collect, conserve, research and display for the benefit of the nation, motor vehicles, archives and ancillary material relating to the motor industry in Great Britain and to provide a world-class motor museum and major visitor attraction providing a broad based academic and educational facility coupled to an entertaining and attractive display.
- In December 2014 the Trust gained the coveted designated status from Arts Council England which confirms that its collections are of national significance. The

Designation Scheme is a mark of distinction, identifying and celebrating pre-eminent collections of national and international importance in non-national institutions.

- British Motor Museum is a National Portfolio Organisation supported by Arts Council England providing funding for a 3-year programme of exhibitions, engagement and learning activity from 2023 to 2026. Arts Council England is the national development body for arts and culture across England, working to enrich people's lives. It supports a range of activities across the arts, museums and libraries. Between 2023 and 2026, it will invest £446m per year to help create these experiences [www.artscouncil.org.uk](http://www.artscouncil.org.uk)
- The British Motor Museum delivers a range of educational packages which support the National Curriculum - science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) subjects at KS1 to KS4. A wide range of family and lifelong learning activities also take place in the Museum during school holidays.
- Each year the Museum hosts a number of highly successful and varied motoring Shows and Rallies as well as family events, lectures and workshops. For full details please visit the website [www.britishmotormuseum.co.uk](http://www.britishmotormuseum.co.uk)
- The address is British Motor Museum or British Motor Industry Heritage Trust, Banbury Road, Gaydon, Warwickshire CV35 0BJ.