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# The Summer Exhibition 夏季美术展

Yang Li: Are you interested in art? Art in all its forms?

William: If you are then you are in for a treat today as we are going to take

you to the summer exhibition at the Royal Academy of Art. Hi, I am

William Kremer.

Yang Li: And I'm Yang Li. 今天我们要介绍皇家美术学院的夏季展。The Summer

Exhibition - one of my favourites.

William: Our quide today is Edith Devaney, head curator for the summer

exhibition.

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Hello, my name is Edith Devaney and I work at the Royal Academy of Arts and look after the annual summer exhibition.

Yang Li: Edith 是夏季展的主管馆员,她介绍了夏季展览会的特点,请大家注意听今年

有多少参展作品?

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Well, it's very popular, both in terms of the artists who submit work for consideration, and in terms of visitor numbers as well; and this year we had 12,000 submissions, which is quite a significant number.

William: Did you get it? There are 12,000 submissions this year. Quite

impressive!

Yang Li: 是的,今年提交给上来的作品一共有一万两千件。 Submissions 意思是提

交。

William: One significant fact about the Royal Academy's annual Summer

Exhibition is that it is the world's largest open submission art show.

And it's already in its 243rd year!

Yang Li: It's certainly one of the oldest art institutions in the UK.

But what is unique about its summer exhibition? I asked Edith.



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We say that it's a slice of contemporary art. Everything that we show here has to have been executed in the last one or two years; it has to be very current, and it's a mixture of all styles.

Yang Li: A slice of contemporary art. 现代艺术的一个缩影。而且每件展品都必须

是在近一两年内完成,制成的 executed. 参展作品都有哪些风格呢? Here is

Edith again:

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We have oil paintings on canvas, we have paintings on boards, we have acrylic paintings, there are watercolours, there are prints - the different variety of printmaking is amazing, from woodblock printing, to etching, to computer-generated printing. We have photography now, we have sculpture and we have architecture. There's also some video art and film, so it's all here.

William: Well it seems that the summer exhibition covers every single style

of artistic work that you can imagine.

Yang Li: Indeed. Let's take a look at the key words associated with art.

William: Oil paintings on canvas.

Yang Li: 帆布油画。

William: Acrylic paintings.

Yang Li: 丙烯画。

William: Watercolours.

Yang Li: 水彩画。

William: Woodblock printing.

Yang Li: 木版画。

William: Etching.

Yang Li: 蚀刻板画。

William: She also mentioned photography.

Yang Li: 她还提到了摄影作品。

William: And finally there's sculpture and architecture.

Yang Li: 再有就是雕塑和建筑设计作品。 Wow what a list!



William: It sounds like a feast of visual art! I think we'd better listen to that

clip again.

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William: As we know that there are lots of galleries and museums in the UK.

So what marks the Royal Academy out as different from other

artistic institutions?

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We have a group of academicians, who are eminent artists and architects, who are elected to be members here and to run it. So it's very much artist-focused.

Yang Li: 英国皇家美术学院的特点是它以艺术家为核心,是一支由显赫艺术家和建筑学

家组成的学院院士的队伍来管理的艺术机构。Will, would you mind giving

us the following phrases?

William: Not at all

Yang Li: 显赫艺术家。

William: Eminent artists

Yang Li: 建筑学家。

William: Architects

Yang Li: 学院院士。

William: Academicians.

Yang Li: Well thanks Will. 最后,也是最重要的就是,皇家美术学院同意提供一些展

览的照片,非常难得,欢迎收看有声图辑。谢谢,再会!

William: Enjoy the audio slideshow at <a href="https://www.bbcukchina.com">www.bbcukchina.com</a>. Cheerio!

