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## **The Festival of Quilts announces Fine Art Quilt Masters competition shortlist**

23 entries have been shortlisted for the Fine Art Quilt Masters competition at The Festival of Quilts 2018.

The annual competition celebrates quilts that transcend craft and demand equal billing with gallery quality art works. It is judged by a panel of leading figures from the art and quilting worlds. Shortlisted artists in this year's competition are from all over the world, including the UK and Europe, the USA, Canada and South Korea.

Shortlisted artists and work are:

Edith Bieri-Hanselmann (Switzerland), *Stairways to Heaven*

Jane Ashe (UK), *Street Shadows*

Abigail Booth (UK), *Fugitive*

Lesley Brankin (UK), *Eclectica*

Karen Callaghan (UK), *Strelitzia*

Hanna Farquharson (Canada), *Tree Bark Quilt*

Katriina Flensburg (Sweden), *At Crossroads II*

Olga Gonzalez-Angulo (Spain), *Captivated by nature*

Cindy Grisdela (USA), *Confetti*

Elfriede Grooten Schipper (The Netherlands), *No Time*

Sandra Grusd (UK), *Re-Imagined*

Susan Hotchkis (France), *Alderney*

Sara Impey (UK), *Thrall*

Louise Jessup (UK), *Venice - the treasure within*

Il Han Kim (South Korea), *Relationship-Links*

Sandra Lauterbach (USA), *Spring*

Annette Morgan (UK), *Fisherman's Door*

Caroline Ramsey (UK), *Multiverse*

Hazel Ryder (UK), *The space between the moments*

Ruth Singer (UK), *Tracery*

Ann Barbara Smith (UK), *Electric Storm*

Sandy Snowden (UK), *Ramshackle Suburb*

Linzi Upton (UK), *Domestic*

The shortlisted entries will be exhibited in a dedicated gallery within The Festival of Quilts which takes place on 9-12th August at the NEC in Birmingham. £5,000 in prize money will be awarded to the competition winner at The Festival's Awards Ceremony on 9<sup>th</sup> August. The winner's work will also feature in the Textile Galleries at The Knitting & Stitching Shows in London (Alexandra Palace) in October and Harrogate in November.

The Festival of Quilts is Europe's ultimate quilting destination and takes place at the NEC in Birmingham from 9-12<sup>th</sup> August 2018. Festival highlights include: professionally-curated quilt galleries from internationally-acclaimed artists and groups; over 1,400 quilts including 750 competition quilts; an extensive workshop programme led by top UK and international tutors (Quick & Easy workshops sponsored by Create & Craft); talks, lectures, and demonstrations; the Festival Awards Ceremony, Dinner, Fashion Show and An Audience with award-winning quilter, author and musician Ricky Tims; The Creative Textiles Studio featuring quilt makers in action in a live studio environment; and over 300 textile craft suppliers.

Tickets are available at [www.thefestivalofquilts.co.uk](http://www.thefestivalofquilts.co.uk) or by calling 0844 581 1289. Advance tickets are £16.00 in advance (concessions £14.50) with a wide selection of options available. A £1.95 fulfilment fee applies per transaction.

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**About the Festival of Quilts**

The Festival of Quilts is Europe's ultimate quilting destination, featuring extraordinary galleries from international artists and groups, over 750 competition quilts, an extensive programme of talks and workshops, a full social events programme and over 300 exhibitors offering essential supplies. The Festival takes place from 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> August 2018 at the NEC Birmingham (Halls 7, 8 and 9). Opening times are 10am to 5.30pm daily (closes 5pm Sunday).