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## Cornish artist scoops prestigious award

ARTIST Lisa Wright from Helston has won second prize in The National Open Art Competition one of the leading open art competitions in the UK.

She was selected from over 1,200 other artists by the prestigious panel of judges including Professor Maurice Cockrill, Keeper of the Royal Academy Schools, Pippa

Blake, internationally renowned artist, Richard Cork award winning art critic, and Gavin Turk leading member of Young British Artists.

Lisa's winning painting *Tree Girl* is part of the *Twilight* series that continues to explore the artist's fascination with the theme of child; she has concentrated on

this theme for over a decade, using the growth of her own two sons as inspiration for her work.

Lisa speaks of painting as "a slow art and its silence is refuge from the noise of life".

The National Open Art Exhibition will be at Pallant House Gallery, Chichester, West Sussex from December 1 to 8.

