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Koestler Trust
arts by offenders

Guidance for 2008 awards

Premium sponsor:
Kalyx – a business with social purpose. Provider of criminal justice services including HMP Bronzefield, HMP Forest Bank, HMP Peterborough and Harmondsworth Immigration Removal Centre.

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Multi-award sponsors:
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WHY enter the Koestler awards?

We give over **1,000** awards a year. Every entrant gets a participation certificate. Most winners get a cash prize. The total prize money is over £30,000.

The awards available in most artforms are:

Outstanding:	£100 + gilted certificate
1st prize:	£60 + embossed certificate
2nd prize	£40 + embossed certificate
3rd prize:	£30 + embossed certificate
Merit:	£20 + embossed certificate
Under 18s and Over 50s	£25 + embossed certificate
Highly Commended	embossed certificate
Commended	certificate

- Entries are judged by over 60 experts from different fields, who send brief written feedback to as many entrants as possible.
- We display a selection of the entries at our annual national exhibition (which had 9,000 visitors in 2007) and at other venues during the year.
- In visual arts and crafts, we can try to sell your work on your behalf.
- We may reproduce your work on our website, merchandise or publications: we will send you copies if we do.
- If you show strong artistic talent and are due for release in the next 3 years, we may allocate a professional artist to mentor you to carry on your arts activity in the community.

WHO can enter?

- Any current inmate of a UK prison, Young Offender Institution, Secure Children's Home, Immigration Removal Centre or High or Medium Security Psychiatric Hospital or Unit (including the Channel Islands and Isle of Man).
- Any current client of the Probation Service, a Youth Offending Team, the Scottish Criminal Justice Social Work Service or their equivalents elsewhere in the British Isles.
- Any UK citizen currently in a prison overseas (for whom there are special awards sponsored by Prisoners Abroad).
- You may enter as an individual or as a group.

WHAT can I enter?

- You can enter original work in any of the artforms listed in this guidance.
- The work must be from the last 12 months.
- Up to **5 entries per person** or group. Attach one entry form to every entry.

HOW do I enter?

- Fill in one entry form for each entry. You are welcome to photocopy the form.
- Ask a member of staff to sign each form and give their contact details. We cannot accept your entry if it is not signed by a member of staff.
- Pack your work carefully so that it reaches us safely. Very large, heavy, fragile or valuable items should be delivered and collected by hand: please ring us to discuss. Many establishments send a van of entries each year: ask if this happens at your establishment.
- In artforms marked 📷 you can enter by sending photographs and notes.

WHEN is do I have to enter and when will I hear back?

5 March 2008	**Closing date for all entries to reach Koestler Arts Centre**
May–July 2008	Judging of entries
End July 2008	Awards results published on Koestler website
End September 2008	Results, certificates and prize money sent out
Autumn 2008	Annual national exhibition of selected highlights & selling exhibition of all for-sale works – dates and venues to be confirmed (watch our website)
End November 2008	Sales money sent out & 2009 entry forms sent out
End December 2008	All entries returned, except a selection for further exhibition or sale until Sept 2009: we will tell you if your work is selected.
March 2009	Deadline for 2009 Awards
Sept 2009	Return of any unsold or further exhibited entries from 2008

WHERE do I send my entry?

- Koestler Arts Centre, 168a Du Cane Road, London W12 0TX
- For deliveries in person: we are usually open weekday office hours, but ring us before coming. Our website has a map and directions.

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