

Local talent on show at Ogier Art Awards

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For the second year running Ogier are presenting the work of over 70 local artists to the public at Camana Bay culminating in a VIP award reception on the 7th July.

The Ogier Art Award is a competition and two week exhibition for emerging and established artists in the Cayman Islands.

This annual art award was founded by Ogier's Art and Cultural sub-committee along with the planning and support of the National Gallery of the Cayman Islands Director Natalie Urquhart and staff.

The popularity and participation of the awards competition has doubled as it aims to promote and support the development of the arts within the community. Work submitted varies in media including acrylic, oil, pencil and ink, video and sculpture.

Mr Benton Conolly, a telecommunications engineer by trade, told iNews how he hopes to be a professional artist one day. "It takes a lot of patience to be a wildlife photographer. With this piece, (Fleeing - pictured) I took over 50 photographs until I got it completely perfect. It's great that there is a platform like this for emerging artists in Cayman and I hope one day I can be an artist full time."

If you would like more information on any of the works exhibited by the artists please contact the National Gallery of the Cayman Islands via email intern.ng@candw.ky or call 945 - 8111.

Ogier Art Awards exhibition runs from 28th June - 8th July at Cassia Court, Camana Bay 10:00am - 7:00pm.



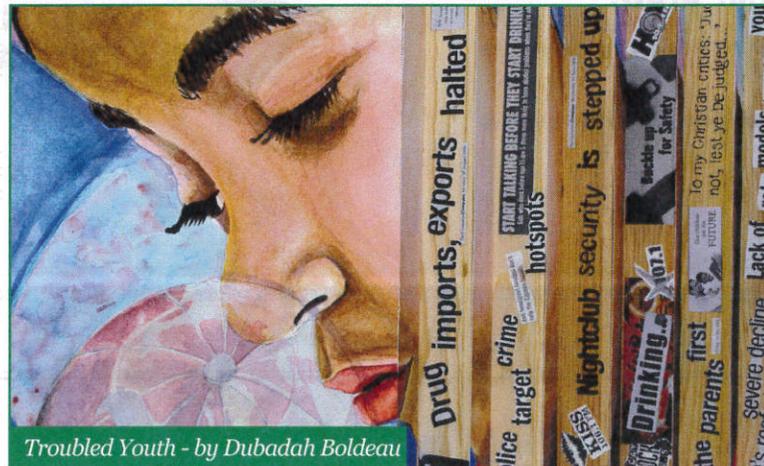
Nick - by Joanne Austin



Fleeing - by Benton Conolly



Perceptions - by Joseph "Gumba" Betty



Troubled Youth - by Dubadah Boldeau

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