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V&A Illustration Awards 2019 shortlist announced

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Today the V&A announces the shortlisted artists for the V&A Illustration Awards 2019, a celebration of the best in book, editorial and student illustrations published over the last year. From the frantic world of the comic book to sun soaked pear blossoms of Florida, this year's shortlist encompasses a broad range of styles and global influences.

The winning published entries will be judged by Olivia Ahmed, Curator at the House of Illustration and Editor of Varoom Magazine, Nicholas Coleridge, Chairman of the V&A Trustees and Chairman of Condé Nast and Jessica Voorsanger, Artist and Academic. The 2019 Student Illustrator of the Year Award judging panel comprises Suzanne Dean, Creative Director at Vintage, Penguin Random House and Book Cover Winner 2018 and Cat O'Neil, Illustrator and Editorial Winner 2018. Winners will be announced at an awards ceremony at the V&A on Thursday 16th May, the evening before the display opens.

The winners of each of the four categories – Best Illustrated Book, Book Cover Design, Illustrated Journalism and Student Illustrator – will each receive £3,000 prize. The Overall Winner will receive an additional £5,000 and will be honoured with the Moira Gemmill Illustrator of the Year Prize, named in memory of the late Moira Gemmill, the V&A's former Director of Design.

Julius Bryant, Keeper of Word & Image, said: *“The museum aims to encourage and reward the best quality book, journalistic and student illustration in the UK from the previous year. This initiative is core to the ambitions and aspirations of the V&A. As well as offering prize money, to winners we also display their work in the museum offering an important platform to illustrators working today.”*

Previous winners of the Illustration Awards include Sir Quentin Blake, Ralph Steadman, Posy Simmonds, Sara Fanelli, and Yasmeen Ismail. The competition has been running since 1972.

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Notes to Editors:

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The 2019 shortlist:

2019 Student Illustrator of the Year

- Harry Woodgate, University of Hertfordshire: *Invisible Cities*
- Junli Song, Anglia Ruskin University: *Dance*
- Sophie Burrows, Anglia Ruskin University: *Crushing*
- Yanyin Xu, UAL Camberwell College of Arts: *One By One*
- Ying Wang, Camberwell College of Arts: *Food Journey in London*

Book Illustration

- Chris Samnee for *Amazing Adventures of Kavalier and Clay* (The Folio Society)
- Nora Krug for *Heimat* (Particular Books)
- Matthew Richardson for *Speeches of Note* (Hutchinson)

Book Cover Design

- Bill Bragg for *Appointment in Samarra* (Vintage Classics)
- Yehrin Tong for *Their Eyes Were Watching God* published (Virago)
- Jake Abrams for *The Largesse of the Sea Maiden* (Jonathan Cape)

Illustrated Journalism

- A Richard Allen for *Experts* (The Sunday Telegraph)
- Erin Aniker for *Spot Reduction is a Myth* (The Washington Post)
- Matthew Hancock for *Paper Tiger* (The Marylebone Journal)