

**YOUNG  
SOUTH AFRICANS**

**5 – 18 YEARS**

**ARE INVITED  
TO ENTER THE  
ASTRONOMY  
ART  
YOUTH  
COMPETITION**

**CLOSING DATE:  
28 OCTOBER 2005**



**science  
& technology**

Department:  
Science and Technology  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

# COSMIC ART CHALLENGE

TO CELEBRATE  
**ASTRONOMY MONTH 2005**  
AND THE COMPLETION OF THE  
NEW **SOUTHERN AFRICAN  
LARGE TELESCOPE**

## ENTRY CATEGORIES

**5 – 8 years\***

**9 – 12 years\***

**13 – 18 years\***

\*Age of entrant as on 1 September 2005

## PRIZES

First prize: R2 000 each in three categories

Second prize: R1 000 each in three categories

Third prize: R500 each in three categories

A selection of winning artworks will be on display at the official inauguration of the Southern African Large Telescope on 10 November 2005! The winning artwork will be handed to President Thabo Mbeki.

**Celebrate our beautiful night sky...and our new telescope!**



**SAASTA**

[www.saasta.ac.za](http://www.saasta.ac.za)

South Africa is blessed with beautiful night skies that allow us to marvel at the beauty of our Milky Way and wonder about the mysteries of other galaxies. Astronomers from all over the world come to South Africa because of our unique position on the globe that allows us to be leaders in this field of exploration and research.

Over the last five years we have built a magnificent telescope just outside the town of Sutherland in the Northern Cape. The Southern African Large Telescope (SALT) will ensure that world-class research in optical astronomy will be done in South Africa for many years to come.

If you have access to the internet, you can get more information about SALT from [www.salt.ac.za](http://www.salt.ac.za)

Join us in celebrating our night skies and our new telescope by entering your artwork in our

## COSMIC ART CHALLENGE!

You may use any medium (such as gouache, acrylics, water colour, pastels, charcoal, oil or two-dimensional collage) to create your artwork. Entries in charcoal should be fixed (with a fixative spray) to prevent smearing.

Think about any of the following themes for inspiration:

- The beauty of the Karoo night sky
- Exploring our solar system
- An imaginary journey through the universe
- Our fragile planet as seen from space
- Africa's new giant eye – the Southern African Large Telescope

### ENTRY FORM

NAME AND SURNAME .....

NAME OF SCHOOL OR INSTITUTION .....

PROVINCE .....

HOW OLD WERE YOU ON 1 SEPTEMBER 2005? .....

AGE CATEGORY:	5 - 8 YEARS*		9 - 12 YEARS *		13 - 18 YEARS*	
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POSTAL ADDRESS .....

HOME TELEPHONE NUMBER .....

SCHOOL TELEPHONE NUMBER .....

SCHOOL FAX NUMBER .....

\* Age of entrant on 1 September 2005

**GET YOUR ENTRY TO US BY 28 OCTOBER 2005 IN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING WAYS:**

1. Mail it to COSMIC ART CHALLENGE p/a SAASTA; PO BOX 1758, PRETORIA, 0001
2. HAND DELIVER TO: SAASTA, DIDACTA BUILDING, 211 SKINNER STREET, PRETORIA

#### COMPETITION RULES

- You may use any medium for your artwork, but it must be drawn or fixed on this form (see inside) or on a similar A3 sized paper.
- Each artwork must be accompanied by a completed entry form.
- Your entry must reach us by the closing date of 28 October 2005.
- The organisers will appoint independent judges and their decision will be final.
- All entries become the property of DST and SAASTA and may be used for exhibition and print purposes without permission of the entrants or payment for such use.

**You can download more copies of this entry form from [www.saasta.ac.za](http://www.saasta.ac.za)**

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