



Eyes Wide Shut but Mind Wide Open, by Vasko Stamboliev
First Place Winner of 2017/18 Art Competition, ages 14-16

At the Centenary Finale at Buckingham Palace, Vasko spoke about the inspiration behind his piece: *"I was inspired by the absence of light caused by the catastrophe and atrocities in war. I imagined the soldiers that bravely fought against all those monstrosities with their eyes wide shut, too scared to be open for fear of facing death. But their minds were left wide open because that was their only way to escape, since the war was too unbearable for them to accept."*

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