

Ruben's national honour

TALENTED young artist Ruben Lazell will pick up a special merit prize at an award ceremony at The National Gallery of Scotland later this month.

And amazingly, the Port of Men-teith lad is only four-years-old!

Ruben's talent was first discovered when he began to attend Tot Art classes in Stirling, run by Wendy Briggs. She said: "I am so pleased. Ruben has become increasingly confident at handling a variety of media and is able to produce bold and original work which the judges obviously recognised."

Tot Art allows children from 18-months to five-years to use a variety of artistic materials to explore artistic processes and to become more visually aware of the world around them. Wendy, an award-winning artist herself, added: "This is achieved by encouraging each child to make a personal response to activities set."

Ruben's award-winning piece "Fantastic Creatures" will feature at the finale of a Scottish art competition aimed at children from nursery age to second year, held at the National Gallery.

It was one of more than 2500 entries received by the National Gallery and will be displayed there before touring four other Scottish venues during 2006-07.



SUCCESS: Ruben is pictured with his work of art (below).

