

ROMANIAN WINS TOP PRIZE IN 2004 INTERNATIONAL STUDENT COMPETITION

Students from around the world use their creativity to raise awareness

NEW YORK DECEMBER 14, 2004—The non-profit organization Saving Antiquities For Everyone (SAFE) today announced the winners of the 2004 International Student Competition. Students from around the world used their creativity to raise awareness about the illicit antiquities trade. The competition was used to recruit fellow students for SAFE's prestigious internship program. The widespread entries from all over the world were a testament to the far reaching affects of SAFE's campaign.

The first place winner and recipient of a \$250.00 award was Wanda Hutira of Cluj-Napoca, Romania. She is a photography student at the University of Fine Arts in Romania with an interest in graphic design and art history.

Second place winner was John Hill, Jr. of Montserrat College of Art in Beverly, Massachusetts. Encouraged by his professor, Maya Drozdz, John designed a poster encouraging other students to join the cause.

The third place award went to Allison Barnes, a student at Montclair State University in New Jersey. Allison is a Studio Fine Arts major with an Anthropology minor.

The winners were designated by judges **Doug Eyring** of The Richards Group, an advertising and branding firm based in Dallas Texas, **Cindy Ho**, Founder and Executive Director of SAFE, **Gregory Malphurs**, Founder and Creative Director of Soupcan, veteran copywriter **Tom Mullen** and award-winning Art Director, Designer and Photographer Willy Sions.

More information about the poster competition is available on SAFE's website (<http://www.savingantiquities.org/>) including background and ongoing initiatives.

About SAFE's Internship Program

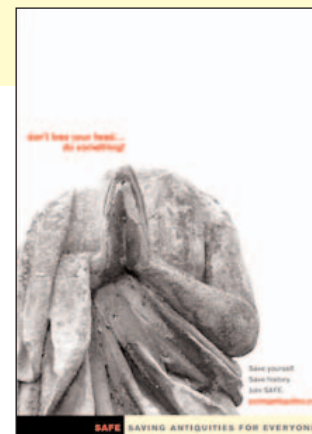
Interns are given the opportunity to work with the industry's best and most notable advocates, top professionals and academics. SAFE is currently taking applications for it's Spring Internship. For more information about the internship program contact Jen Makrides at jmakrides@savingantiquities.org.

About SAFE

Saving Antiquities for Everyone (www.savingantiquities.org), the volunteer group dedicated to raising public awareness of the importance of preserving cultural heritage worldwide, was founded in April 2003 in response to the ransacking of the National Museum of Iraq. SAFE is a nonprofit group of professionals in communications, media, and advertising working together with experts in the academic and museum community. By educating the public to these concerns, SAFE hopes to encourage everyone to protect our shared history. SAFE is sponsored by the New York Foundation for the Arts (NYFA), a 501(c) (3) corporation. Any contributions made to the Foundation on behalf of SAFE are tax deductible to the full extent allowed by law.

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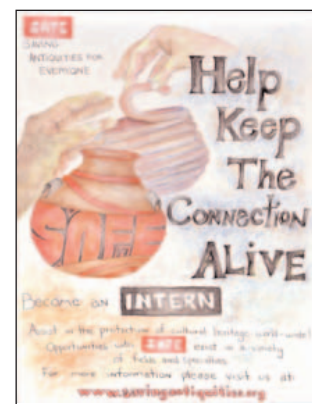
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First-prize winner



Second-prize winner



Third-prize winner