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Stoke-on-Trent City Museum & Art Gallery

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MUSEUM OF THE YEAR

-•AWARD•-

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The City Museum and Art Gallery Stoke-on-Trent is proud to announce that it has won the much coveted "Museum of the Year Award" 1982, almost a year to the day since its official opening by H.R.H. The Prince of Wales.

The competition organised annually by National Heritage and the Illustrated London News is open to newly completed Museums and Art Galleries and to existing establishments showing major developments during the year.

As the outright winner we shall be presented with a cheque for £2,000 and the Illustrated London News trophy, a porcelain sculpture entitled 'Moonhead' by Henry Moore, which is most appropriate for a Museum and Art Gallery with an internationally famous collection of ceramics.

This multi-million pound project is the largest provincial Museum and Art Gallery to be built in recent years. The exciting new galleries offer the visitor a new museum experience.

In the Natural History gallery stroll through the contrasting Staffordshire scenery with its varied geology and wildlife. Discover the early hunting sites, Medieval abbeys and a simple kiln of Roman date amongst the Archaeology displays. Visit the Social History gallery and see how people lived in the Potteries in the early years of this century. Regularly changing exhibitions of paintings, sculptures, drawings and prints ensures something different to see everytime you visit the Fine Art galleries. Explore the delights of the intimate settings of the Decorative Arts displays showing changing styles in costume, glass and silver from early Georgian times to the present day. Above all, do not miss the magnificent and world renowned collection of ceramics lavishly presented in a contemporary and entertaining fashion.

In addition to the permanent displays it is the Museum's policy to present a diverse programme of temporary exhibitions co-ordinated by the Design and Display department.

Other features of the City Museum and Art Gallery include an attractive shop situated in the spacious foyer. A 300 seat lecture theatre providing ideal facilities for a variety of events and a cafe and bar offering a selection of refreshments.

The City of Stoke-on-Trent Museum and Art Gallery now represents Great Britain in the "Museum of Europe" competition.

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Opening times

Monday - Saturday: 10.30 - 17.00

Wednesday:

10.30 - 20.00

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