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Subject: BBC Wildlife Artist of the Year 2012

Dear Michael,

Congratulations! Your artwork has won through to the finals of the *BBC Wildlife* Artist of the Year 2012 competition.

Firstly, I must say thank you for entering. The high standard and quantity of entries made the final selection very difficult, but eventually the first round judges reduced the original entries – this year, a record-breaking 1,120 – to just 127 paintings.

I am delighted to inform you that your painting – Patagonian sealions (attached) – has been selected as a finalist in the World Mammals Category.