



Anton Art Center

Celebrating 50 years!

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ANTON ART CENTER TO HOST THE GOVERNOR'S TOP 30 TRAVELING STUDENT ART SHOW THIS SUMMER

Presented by the Michigan Art Education Association, the *Governor's Top 30 Traveling Student Show* showcases thirty selected artworks produced by high school art students from across the state of Michigan.

Nearly five hundred works are submitted annually and are adjudicated in a series of regional and state level exhibits down to a group of one hundred artworks. These pieces are featured in the Visual Art Exhibit at the Michigan Youth Arts Festival held each spring at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo.

Of the one hundred finalists, jurors choose thirty of the most outstanding works to produce the traveling collection. This show tours several different venues across the state for a year, until finally going on display in the Governor's Executive Office in the state capitol in Lansing.

"Getting student work into any show is great," says Fraser High School art teacher, Roger Drabant, "having students represented in this show has the added bonus of having their work seen not only locally, but by a much larger audience across the state." Two Fraser students have artwork in the show.

This year's collection includes artworks from counties across the Lower Peninsula, including Lenawee, Hillsdale, St. Joseph, Macomb, Oakland, Livingston, Ottawa, Mason, Newaygo, Washtenaw, St. Clair, Clinton, Kent, Lapeer, and Saginaw.

Lake Orion High School also has two students in the show. Art teacher, Melissa Wilson, says this exhibit "highlights the positive role the arts play in Michigan high schools. Art has the ability to make people see different viewpoints and brings understanding to issues we all face," and that "much of the work [in this exhibit] deals with social justice issues and creative problem-solving."

Saginaw Arts and Sciences Academy 10th grader, Bella Campbell, describes her figure drawing featured in the show, "I wanted to produce the likeness of my friends, Precious and Grace...I love that their names reflect their personalities that I hoped to capture in my rendering."

The exhibit is open Saturday, July 13th through Tuesday, August 23rd, in the Anton Art Center's Petitpre Community Gallery located on the second floor. A free public reception will be held on Saturday, July 13th from 2-4pm with light refreshments provided. Admission is always free, and metered parking is free on the weekends. For more info about the Michigan Art Education Association, visit www.miarted.org.

Additionally, a unique complement to the student show will be open on the first floor: the first ever *Macomb County Art Teacher Show* will be open from June 22nd through August 13th, featuring 52 selected artwork by 32 teaching artists who live and/or work as a visual arts instructor of any media in the county, either presently or retired. In fact, several students included in the *Top 30* exhibit will see a few familiar instructors in the *Teacher Show*.



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First, second, and third prizes total \$900, sponsored by Extra Credit Union, in addition to three honorable mention award selections. The works are juried by the Anton Art Center Exhibition Committee. *Macomb County Art Teacher Show* will open June 22nd with a free public reception from 2-4pm, and awards announcement at 3pm.

For more information about the Anton Art Center, visit www.theartcenter.org or call (586) 469-8666. The Anton Art Center is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization located at 125 Macomb Place, Mount Clemens, MI 48043. Our mission is to enrich and inspire people of all ages through the arts. The Anton Art Center is open Tuesday - Saturday from 10:00am – 5:00pm. Admission is free and open to the public. We are handicap accessible with handicap parking and elevator access. Metered lot and street parking available; free after 6pm and on weekends.



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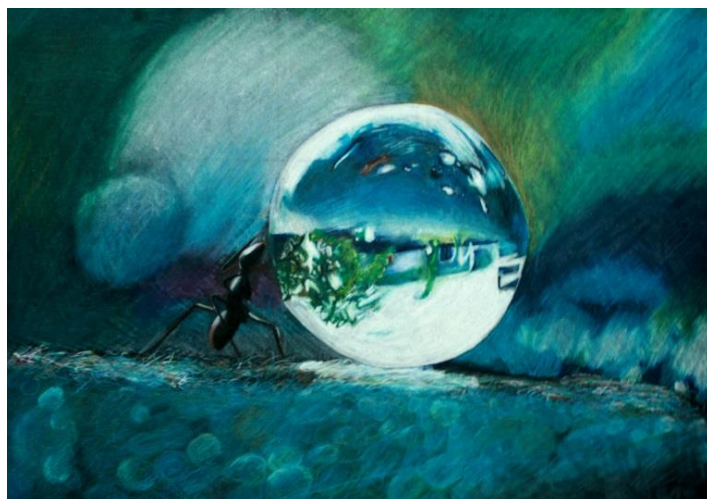
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Sample images of artwork



Meat is Murder by Savanna Kucinski, Digital art, Grade 11, Fraser High School, Instructor Roger Drabant, Macomb County



Magnified by Annalise Wu, Pastel, Grade 12, Fraser High School, Instructor Marianne McGinnis, Macomb County



Growth by Emma Mackela, Watercolor, Grade 11, Lake Orion High School, Instructor Jessica Wilson, Oakland County



Horns=Money by Mary Eisbrenner, Mixed media, Grade 11, Lake Orion High School, Instructor Jessica Wilson, Oakland County



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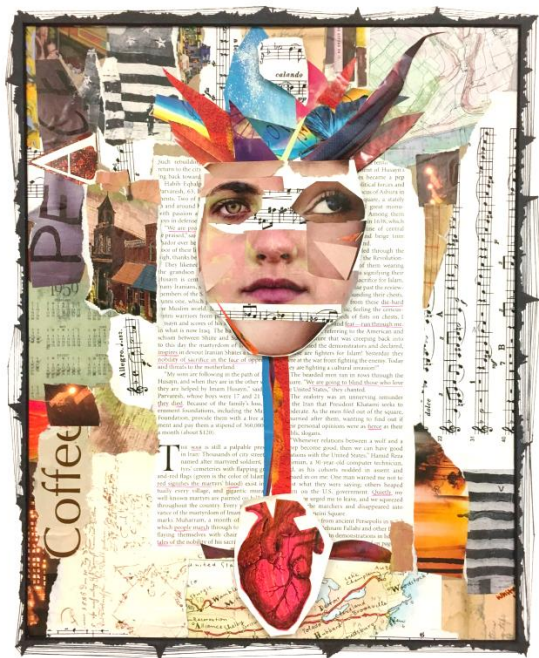
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Grace and Precious by Bella Campbell, Charcoal, Grade 10, Saginaw Arts & Sciences Academy, Instructor Becky Sullivan, Saginaw County



Creative Outlet by Danielle White, Ink, Grade 11, Almont High School, Instructor Lisa Wright, Lapeer County



Agglomeration by Whitney Warstler, Collage, Grade 11, Jonesville High School, Instructor Lisa Geren, Hillsdale County



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Governor's Top 30 Postcard image (front)



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Governor's Top 30 Traveling Student Art Show
July 13 - August 23, 2019

Opening Reception
Saturday, July 13, 2-4pm *Refreshments provided*

Showcasing thirty framed artworks selected for statewide travel from the Michigan Youth Arts Festival competition, displaying the finest artistic talent in high schools from across the state. Program by the Michigan Art Education Association.

Special Events *Free and open to the public, presented by First State Bank*
Charity Music Instrument Petting Zoo SatARTday, July 13th, 4-8pm
David Zinn, Chalk Artist SatARTday, August 10th, 5-8pm

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Gallery admission is free and open to the public. Donations are accepted and appreciated.
Parking is available by metered street and lot. Free after 6pm and on weekends.
Handicap accessible with elevator. The Art Center is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.



Governor's Top 30 Postcard image (back)