

2019 Connecticut Scholastic Art Awards Press Release

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For Immediate Release: - 2019 Connecticut Scholastic Art Awards Program

History: The 29th annual Connecticut Regional Scholastic Art Awards is the largest juried student art exhibition in the state. It is a high level exhibition. As an affiliate of the National Scholastic Art Awards and The Alliance For Young Artists and Writers, the Connecticut region is proud to continue an annual tradition established in 1927. This national program was originated to honor the creative efforts of grade 7 to 12 students in public, private and parochial schools. It is now the largest and most senior program of its type in the country. Following the close of the Connecticut Regional exhibit, the select Gold Key award winners from each national region will have their art works reviewed by a blue ribbon panel of judges at the National level in March. The National Jury will select "Gold Medal" National winners and call in their artwork to be exhibited in New York City during June. The National student awards ceremony will be held at Carnegie Hall in mid- June. Selected students will receive an invitation to this National event.

Purpose: "Celebrating the Creative Spirit of Connecticut Youth" is the theme of this exhibition. Our sponsors emphasize that the purpose of this program is not merely a competition of sorts, but a recognition and encouragement of talented visual art students from across the state. Many artists, university faculty and professionals in the field have participated to review and select 67the finest student art works in many art media categories from approximately 300 Connecticut student entries.

Statistics: The 2019 Connecticut Regional Scholastic Art Awards exhibition features select work from schools throughout Connecticut in grades 7- 12. Selected from approximately 3000 total art entries, 787 works were accepted for exhibit at the University of Hartford. From that accepted number, there were 256 Gold key awards (including 13 Gold portfolios), 262 Silver keys (including 23 Gold portfolios), and 247 Honorable Mention awards granted.

Connecticut Exhibition Site: the Silpe Gallery, in Taub Hall, at Hartford Art School, University of Hartford, 200 Bloomfield Ave, West Hartford, 06117.

Exhibition Dates: January 13 to February 1, 2019. Silpe Gallery hours: daily 9:00 to 4:00 pm - Weekends, noon to 4:00 pm. Art School - 860-768-4827

The Connecticut Student Awards Presentation: Sunday, January 27, 2019, 2:00 to 3:30 pm at Lincoln Theater, on the University of Hartford and is a non-ticketed event and open to the public. The keynote speaker for 2019 will be Billie Lee, artist, educator, and writer. On the day of the ceremony the exhibit is open from Noon to 5:00 pm, in the Silpe Gallery

Supporting Organizations: The Hartford Art School, University of Hartford and the CT Art Education Assoc. Inc.

Award Patrons: Harry Arnini Foundation, Connecticut Art Education Association, Inc., Connecticut Arts Administrators Association, Connecticut Women Artists Association, Inc., Hartford Art School, ASAP!, Jerry's Artarama of CT.

Directions to University of Hartford: Exit 44 from I-84 [Prospect Ave.] From west: right exit and left onto Prospect Ave. From east: right exit, right turn off ramp, left onto Prospect. Follow Prospect to its end (2 miles) Turn right, on Albany Ave. Then turn left at light onto Bloomfield Ave. Proceed 3/4mile campus is on right. First entrance for Lincoln Theater. Take second entrance for Hartford Art School and Silpe Gallery, follow signs.