

art for the heart

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Recycled Fashions Rules the Runway at Festival of Arts in Laguna Beach

The Festival of Arts Runway Fashion in Laguna Beach showcases artists unveiling their creativity with outfits they make from reused, reclaimed or recycled materials. A panel of five judges chooses the most fabulous looks in four categories and visitors also get to cast their votes for "People's Choice Award." This show was hosted by actress KTTV FOX11's Entertainment Reporter Amanda Salas. Selecting the show's winners were Radar Online Entertainment Editor Alexis Tereszczuk, OK! Magazine Associate Publisher Shelley Fariello, LACMA Curator of Costumes and Textiles Kaye Spilker, costume designer Alex Jaeger, and production designer Nelson Coates. "Most Exciting Ensemble with Wow Factor" went to artist Carolyn Johnson accompanied down the runway by her dog Dexter who proudly strutted an outfit made from volleyball net, CDs, Perrier bottles; Painter Kirsten Whalen won "Most Innovative Use of Materials" for her ensemble of old light bulbs and wires; Artist Kate Cohen won the "Most Creative Concept" with a dress crafted from sixty designer shopping bags her necklace and earrings were made from pink tissue paper; Adam Neeley received the "Most Glamorous & Elegant Red Carpet Worthy Creation" for a stylish outfit made from cans of La Croix. He also won the "People's Choice Award." For info on upcoming recycle fashion shows that you can apply to enter visit: LagunaFestivalofArts.org.



Orange County Festival Art Student Wins at National Ceramic Exhibition

Eight-year-old ceramic art student, Paige Mushakian was selected for her artistic talent from the 500 hundred entries submitted nationwide. Her work was displayed at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center at the 21st Annual National K-12 Ceramic Exhibition held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Paige captured the attention of patrons and judges with her ceramic "Fish Whistle" and was awarded the "Potter Council Elementary School Award." Media described the "Monstrously Talented" cash award that recognized the "Creative whizzy and 3-D Skillz of an emerging K-12 ceramic artist." A certificate for "Artistic Merit" was also presented to Paige at the event. The winning design by Paige was a colorful "Fish Whistle" she made at the Festival's Youth Art Classes with instructor Scott Young. "As her instructor, I was happy for Paige," shared Scott. "Her piece really showed that she spent the time in creating the features of her fish and chose the right glaze colors that enhanced the piece." The Annual National K12 Ceramic Exhibition is the premier juried ceramic competition in the United States for Grades K-12. "I can't believe my fish whistle went to the national competition in Pittsburgh PA," said Paige. "I was just having fun and doing my best and look what happened. Art isn't just what people tell you, it's using your imagination and having fun." LagunaFestivalofArts.org. Classes available. ■



FACE TO FACE: Where Street Artist Teachr and Students Come Together to Teach Peace through Art

The renowned street artist Teachr Keith Biele thrilled art lovers in and around Los Angeles when he displayed his acclaimed designs for art while also highlighting the art work of 16 Fairfax High School students that he has mentored. The art show at Flux Rebellion on Melrose Avenue in Los Angeles who BTW generously donated their space for the event gave the students the opportunity to sell their one of a kind pieces and keep 100% of the profit while learning the ins and outs of the business of art and while harnessing their creative energy in a positive way. Entry was no charge and guests got to enjoy a grand display of incredible artwork, musical performances by JP Cali Smoov, and video demonstrations of Teachr 'teaching' his famous stencil method. The first 100 guests to arrive received a wonderful gift of a print that represented Teachr Keith Biele's work. The renowned artist said, "The purpose of this show is to give students a real-life art show experience instead of making them compete in an art contest. I'm hoping to give the students a chance to meet real buyers, make a sale, and I want to encourage other artists to implement similar endeavors in high schools in their respective communities" This was the second year that Teachr conducted the workshops and orchestrated the art mentoring programs for the students at Fairfax High. A former studio artist, Teachr took to the streets to protest the education budget cuts throughout numerous school districts most apparent right here in Los Angeles and throughout California. He used his art and worldwide notoriety to get his point across of just how important artistic expression is to students. Teachr's tag-line is "TEACH PEACE." He has been hailed by Complex as one of Los Angeles' Top Ten Graffiti Artists, and his art is displayed in numerous prestigious locations including the Pentagon. Follow Teachr's artwork and mission on Instagram @Teachr1; visit www.teachr1.com ■

