

NEWS RELEASE

The fifty-second Ohio Governor's Youth Art Exhibition will open for viewing on Sunday, April 24th, at the Rhodes State Office Tower in Columbus. This juried exhibition is comprised of creative expressions in the visual arts created by outstanding and talented students from Ohio's high schools. The exhibition is a cooperative effort between the Governor of Ohio, the Ohio Department of Education, colleges, universities, and business sponsors.

The selection of 348 works of art, created by 9th through 12th grade students, has been accomplished by the following state jurors:

Rebekah Alviani of Bowling Green State University, School of Art
Stefan Chinov of Wright State University, Department of Art and Art History
Michaelann Kelley of Mount St. Joseph University, Art Department
Suki Kwon of the University of Dayton, Department of Art
Lindsey Meredith of the Modern College of Design
Barbara Miner of the University of Toledo, Department of Art
Tom Muir of Bowling Green State University, School of Art
Melissa Mursch-Rodriguez of the Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design

All eight of the primary jurors are college educators and artists, and reviewed almost 3,000 works of students' art sent from fifteen regional locations throughout Ohio. The regions and directors are:

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| 1. Columbus - Kaleps/Ricker (614)537-3366 | 8. N. Olmsted - Jason Duly (440)588-5800 |
| 2. Mansfield - George Whitten (419)756-1700 | 9. Senecaville - Owen Williams (740)685-2516 |
| 3. Willard - John Buss (419)935-0181 | 10. Gnadenhutten - Sara Dittfeld (740)254-4262 |
| 4. Ada - Gary Wells (419)634-2746 | 11. Hubbard - Josh Macmillan (330)534-1921 |
| 5. Napoleon - Kaitlin Helberg (419)599-1050 | 12. Dayton - Whipps/Anderson (937)542-7448 |
| 6. Mantua - Jennifer Krantz (330)274-2214 | 13. Amanda - Brent Elam (740)969-7251 |
| 7. Massillon-Lisa Ayres Surber (330)837-3501 | 14. Milford - Chris Luessen (513)831-2990 |
| | 15. Logan - Jeremy McAfee (740)385-2069 |

8,069 art entries were submitted to these regions by 3,133 Ohio high school students. Selections from each of the fifteen regions were made by judges chosen by the regional directors.

Thad Ricker (614) 272-1678, Executive Director and coordinator of the exhibition states, "It is with great pride that we exhibit these students' artworks at the Rhodes Tower. The exhibition is a testament to the high quality of visual arts education that exists in our state. It is vital that the community understands the value and importance of arts education, and the impact that it has on our young people. We hope that this exhibition fosters that understanding. We are fortunate that Ohio is a state in which the arts and arts education are supported by community and educational leaders, legislators, colleges and universities, civic organizations, and businesses. Without the support and encouragement from these groups, the achievements of these young artists might go unrecognized."