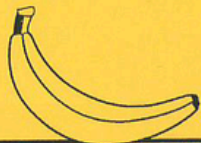


Young Artists Exhibition 2002

March 1 - April 6, 2002

Opening Reception: March 1, 6-9 p.m.
Awards Ceremony at 7 p.m.

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It was a great honor to be part of the fourth annual Young Artists Exhibition. The vast amount of work received and the quality and variety of submitted pieces was quite impressive. These factors made the juroring process quite challenging.

The pieces were divided into the following categories: K-2, 3rd-5th, 6th-8th, and 9th-12th. Each category was judged separately with much attention given to originality, the use of color, composition, impact and craftsmanship. These factors varied in importance given the abilities of the different age levels.

We would like to thank all of the artists who participated in this competition. It was wonderful to see such talent and promise in the works of these young people. The high quality of work submitted made this year's exhibition very exciting.

We would also like to thank the other art teachers who helped in the jurying process: Susan Berkenstock, Jayne Spata and Stacy Zellner. Thank you for your time and appreciation for the arts.

From all of us, we would like to wish all of the artists the best of luck in your future in art. We hope you continue to share more of your artwork with us in future shows.

Katie Behler
Ann Elizabeth Schlegel
Young Artists 2002 Curators

"The greatest thing a human soul ever does in this world is to see something and tell what s(he) saw in a plain way." John Ruskin

The fourth annual Banana Factory Young Artists' 2002 Exhibition is an impressive collection of artwork selected from over 450 submissions from students in Kindergarten through 12th grade. As in past years, this exhibition is an opportunity for local youth to show their artistic talent in a professional environment as part of a juried show. And while their work is presented in the traditional and time-honored manner of a "professional environment", the paintings and drawings demonstrate a child's ability to express his/her soul "in a plain way". Young artists have the ability to show the viewer how s(he) depicts the world through an unspoiled lens.

The importance of the arts in helping a child to develop and define the "self" within is beyond measure. This exhibition demonstrates the commitment of the Banana Factory and the sponsors of the Young Artists 2002 to this end. I would like to thank every artist who submitted work for this exhibition. The quality of the artwork submitted made the selection process very difficult for the judges. Congratulations to the winners. Thanks to MCS Industries for the donation of the frames and the work of Ann Elizabeth Schlegel and Katie Behler, each of the student's work is professionally matted and framed. Every student will be given his/her framed work upon completion of the exhibition. I would also like to thank Sue Berkenstock, Jayne Spada and Stacy Zellner for their help in jurying and curating this exhibition. Finally, I would like to express my deep appreciation to Fleet Bank for the donation of the savings bonds given to the top two winners in each age category. The support of these community partners not only makes this exhibition possible, but it also demonstrates to the young artists the importance of their artistic pursuits to the larger community.

Diane LaBelle
Director

First Prize

Harry Hoffert

Birdland (Black Ink and Tempera Batik)
Notre Dame of Bethlehem, 2nd Grade

Second Prize

Katie Sicinski

Still Life (Mixed Media)
Lehigh Christian Academy, 2nd Grade

Kelsey Reagan

Butterfly (Mixed Media)
Clearview Elementary

Marco D. Vestich

Sunflowers – Still Life After Van Gogh (Mixed Media)
Governor Wolf Elementary

Ben McClymont

Still Life (Mixed Media)
Clearview Elementary

Michelle Liu

Greek Temple (Mixed Media)
Clearview Elementary

Katherine Richards

Self Portrait With Pets (Crayon and Collage)
Calypso Elementary

Courtney Alnutt

Untitled (Acrylic on Canvas Board)
Artzon School

Grades 3rd – 5th

First Prize

Eric Bogert

Peace in Nature (Colored Pencil)

Macungie Elementary

Second Prize

Jose Gonzalez

The Emporer (Oil Pastels)

Washington Elementary

Kayley Marshall

Still Life With Guitar (Oil Pastels)

Forks Elementary

Adrian Bunce

Aboriginal Aborundi (Mixed Media)

Governor Wolf Elementary

Sage Ariel Di Palma

Vase of Flowers (Oil Pastels)

Hopewell Elementary

Corrine Majczan

Flower Study (Oil Pastels)

Hopewell Elementary

Olek Niewiarowski

The Blue Footed Booby Bird (Water Color)

Moravian Academy

Yixin Wang

Twin Towers (Pencil)

Fountain Hill Elementary

Elyse Klova
Into the Clockworks (Linoleum Block Print)
Northeast Middle School

Second Prize

Steph Breon
A Glance (Pastels)
Northeast Middle School

Cody Kaciolek
Western Sunset (Pastel)
Northeast Middle School

Shawn Buffon
Tea for Two (Oil on Canvas)
Wyomissing Jr. High

Michael Holland
Untitled (Pastels)
Northeast Middle School

Lauren Walls
Untitled (Pastels)
Northeast Middle School

William LaLande
The Calling (Scratchboard)
Northeast Middle School

Lindsay Crumb
Cezanne's Mountains (Acrylic on Canvas)
Nitschmann Middle School

Grades 9th – 12th

First Prize

Jake Hoffman

Untitled (Ink)

Freedom High School

Second Prize

Emmanuel Garcia

Untitled (Pencil)

Liberty High School

Ashley Sicinski

Shades of Grey – Puffin (Pencil)

Lehigh Valley Christian High School

Caitlin McCarthy

Sweetshop (Photograph)

Liberty High School

Tristan Wright

Headquake (Colored Pencil)

Liberty High School

Melissa Cangelose

Tears in Heaven (Acrylic)

Freedom High School

Ariana Abud

The Gatherers (Oil)

The Prince (Acrylic on Burlap)

Liberty High School

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January 18 - February 23
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January 18 - February 23
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March 1 - April 6
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Clarence Snyder
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Binney & Smith Gallery

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Banko Room Gallery

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July 5 - August 17
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