A prestigious juried exhibition featuring 78 works of art created by Long Island high school students, inspired by works shown in The Heckscher Museum of Art during the 2010-2011 school year.

April 9 – May 1, 2011

Awards Ceremony at 4:00 pm

Opening Reception and Awards Ceremony
Saturday, April 9, 2011 | 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Also on view April 9 – April 24: Celebrating 15 Years
Select award-winning artwork from past Long Island’s Best Exhibitions
This exhibition features work by art students in grades 9 through 12 from public and private schools throughout Nassau and Suffolk Counties. Developed by museum educators, who work in partnership with art instructors from participating schools, this is the only juried exhibition on Long Island that offers high school students the opportunity to show their art in an art museum.

This comprehensive arts-in-education program integrates experiences in The Heckscher Museum and the art classroom, culminating with the presentation of students’ original works juried by a museum professional.

Through close observation, discussion and hands-on activities, students learn to make connections between artwork on view in the Museum and their own creative experiences. Visual Thinking Strategies are utilized to develop students’ visual literacy, written and oral communication skills, while encouraging them to explore their own artistic voices. Students select at least one work of art on view to “inspire” an original work of art that is in turn submitted for jurying.

This year, 83 art teachers from public and private schools in Nassau and Suffolk Counties submitted students’ work for Long Island’s Best. More than 300 student entries were received and Lisa Chalif, Curator of Exhibitions and Collections, selected 78 for display in the galleries.

An artist statement, written by each student to explain his or her thought process and artistic journey from conception to completion, accompanies each work of art. Object labels also include an image of the work of art selected for inspiration. Congratulations to all the participants in this year’s Long Island’s Best for their dedication, creativity and talent!

Long Island’s Best has been a defining experience with lasting impact for its many young exhibiting artists. Over the past fifteen years, this program has grown to become a prestigious opportunity for high school art students. The installation Celebrating 15 Years reflects back on this history, featuring award-winning works of art from past Long Island’s Best exhibitions.

Each work of art in this installation is accompanied by an artist statement describing the work of art, his or her experience with Long Island’s Best, and accomplishments in years since. These first-hand accounts demonstrate the invaluable role Long Island’s Best has played, and continues to play, in young peoples’ lives.

Exhibiting Artist
Irene Kang
Stephanie Shieh
Andrew Brischler
Kaitlyn Hay
Edith Park
Elizabeth Latten
Joseph Sopp
Blair Rohan
Olivia Fonti
Brandon Hardy
Samantha Hofsis
Catherine Strein
Christine Tabag
Zach Teplin
Erin Boyle
Lisa Senay
Sabrina Smith
Lucas Bentel
Monica Defonseca
Frank Notarbartolo
Amanda Garlick &
Victoria Pirulli

Work on view
Shadow of the Soul, 2004
Untitled, 2004
Reminds You of Their Eternity, 2005
Metastases, 2005
The Egan, 2005
Mapped by Leaves, 2006
Flirting with Death, 2006
Family Dinner, 2007
The Queen, 2008
American Goths, 2008
Stimulus to the Epoch, 2008
Reality to the Drawn World, 2008
Creatively Bound, 2008
The Treachery of Existence, 2008
A Cyclic Pattern, 2009
Rape of Resources, 2009
The Piano Man, 2009
Mid-Song, 2010
Innovación Constructivism, 2010
Blues in the Parlor, 2010
One in a Dozen, 2010

Get involved in this juried exhibition next year!
Call 631.351.3214 and speak with your art teacher.
All participating students must register through their schools.

On the cover (L to R): Giana Sini, British Petroleum (detail), Mixed media, 2011, Division Avenue HS, Art Teacher: Tim Ryan; Christine Tabag, Creatively Bound (detail), Colored pencil, 2008; Kenny Luzzi, Monkey Business School (detail), Photo collage, 2011, Valley Stream South HS, Art Teacher: Roseann Valletti.
Long Island's Best Exhibiting Artists 2011

Hannah Ahn, Lawrence Woodmere Academy
Stefani Akner, Hicksville HS
Kayla Altonian, Hicksville HS
Melissa Andrews, West Islip HS
Dean Baram, Half Hollow Hills HS East
Michela Bentel, Long Island Academy of Fine Art
Georgina Berbari, Harborfields HS
Kelcie Birser, Lindenhurst HS
Jamie Blisten, Oceanside HS - Honorable Mention
James Blotiau, Amityville Memorial HS
Nicolas Bruno, Northport HS - Allan H. Altman Achievement in Photography
Erin Byrnes, MacArthur HS
Kimberly Cain, Half Hollow Hills HS East
Nicole Chester, Hicksville HS
Saleha Chowdhury, Hicksville HS
Jennifer Chun, Herricks HS
Evan Cirino, Cold Spring Harbor HS
Nicole Codi, Wantagh HS - Honorable Mention
Alexander Crom, Cold Spring Harbor HS - Donald & Gloria Horn Young Artist Achievement Award
Scott Davidson, Sayville HS - Renzo S. Bianchi Scholarship Award
Nicole Dodillet, Cold Spring Harbor HS
Kirsten Donovan, Long Beach HS
Rachel Fauth, Kings Park HS
Sarah Frohn, Lindenhurst HS - Renzo S. Bianchi Scholarship Award
Blaine Garde, Long Beach HS
Nelly Gordpour, Roslyn HS
Isabel Hanson, Cold Spring Harbor HS
Stephanie Hart, Wantagh HS
Cindy Hassan, Jericho HS
Nicole Hein, MacArthur HS
Brandon Hendrick, St. John the Baptist Diocesan HS
Nataliya Hines, Jericho HS
Alyssa Hu, MacArthur HS
Tanya Jain, Half Hollow Hills HS West - Renzo S. Bianchi Scholarship Award
Tina Kang, Valley Stream South HS
Jeremy Katz, Hicksville HS
Seoyoung (Selena) Kim, Jericho HS - Honorable Mention
Adrian Kim, Plainview-Old Bethpage JFK HS - Honorable Mention
Danielle Kraus, Walt Whitman HS - Renzo S. Bianchi Scholarship Award
Jenna Krug, Garden City HS
Jenna Krypell, Jericho HS

Julia Lebedeva, Valley Stream North HS - Krasowitz Digital Portfolio Award
Blandine Legrand, Amityville Memorial HS
Joseph Liu, Jericho HS
Kenny Luzzi, Valley Stream South HS - Honorable Mention
Lexi Martone, Half Hollow Hills HS West
John McDonald, Long Island HS for the Arts
Tyler Moore, Huntington HS
Roxana Moreira, Huntington HS - Honorable Mention
Isabella Muratore, Portledge School
Alexandra Napoli, Cold Spring Harbor HS - Renzo S. Bianchi Scholarship Award
Cara Pascarella, Half Hollow Hills HS East
Kayla Peers, Long Beach HS
Alexandra Puleo, Half Hollow Hills HS West - 3rd Place
Giovanna Raffa, Long Beach HS - Donald G. Horn, Jr. Achievement in 3-D Design
Brianna Reddan, Long Beach HS
Sammi Rescigno, MacArthur HS
Nicole Ripka, Jericho HS
Alexa Rosen, Plainview-Old Bethpage JFK HS
Maria Rubio, Ross HS - Renzo S. Bianchi Scholarship Award
Madeline Santulli, Our Lady of Mercy Academy
Michele Schablin, Wantagh HS
Leanne Schmadtke, West Islip HS - Lee Widrow Achievement in Pastel
Cara Schrank, Plainview-Old Bethpage JFK HS
Jana Schwartz, Jericho HS
Sami Sheinwald, Plainview-Old Bethpage JFK HS
Kerry Sheridan, Cold Spring Harbor HS - Honorable Mention
Stephanie Shisko, Division Avenue HS - Best in Show
Giana Sini, Division Avenue HS - 2nd Place
Kaitlyn Smith, Lindenhurst HS
Stephanie Su, New Hyde Park Memorial HS
Alexander Swyst, Wantagh HS - Harold Kleinpeter Achievement in Colored Pencil
Noelle Tibke, Sonderling HS
Sarah Walordy, Long Beach HS
Jordan Weinstein, Roslyn HS - Honorable Mention
Jillian Wilson, Half Hollow Hills HS West
Jennifer Young, Half Hollow Hills HS West
Danielle Zakian, Jericho HS - Honorable Mention
Linnuo Zheng, The Knox School - Fay Kaplowitz Scholarship Award (4th Place)

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