
Featuring 81 works of art by high school students

On View Saturday, March 31 - Sunday, April 22, 2012
About the Exhibition

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 artwork in an art museum.

*Long Island's Best* is a comprehensive arts-in-education program that integrates experiences in The Heckscher Museum and the art classroom, culminating with the presentation of students' original works juried by a museum professional. Over the past 16 years, the program has grown to become a prestigious opportunity for high school art students.

This year, 48 public and private schools submitted students’ work for *Long Island's Best*. More than 300 student entries were received and Curator Lisa Chalif selected 81 for display in the galleries.

Student Artist Statements

The object label alongside each artwork includes an artist statement written by the student to explain the thought process and artistic journey from conception to completion. An image of the work of art that was on view in the Museum is also provided so visitors may see the connections students made between the professional work and their own creative efforts.

NEW! Watch interviews with select exhibiting students. Select object labels in the exhibition feature QR codes. Scan the code to watch an interview with the student.
Finding Inspiration in the Museum

Students found inspiration in artwork on view during the 2011-2012 school year. Through close observation, discussion and hands-on activities, students learned to make connections between artwork on view in the Museum and their own experiences.

Each student selected a work of art in one of the following exhibitions to inspire an original work of art:

**Earth Matters** featured installations by five Long Island artists who explore our experience of the environment in installations created from natural and recycled man-made materials.

**New York, New York** commemorated the 10th anniversary of 9/11, paying tribute to New York City and the courage of her people. New York’s allure was celebrated in a wide selection of works.

**Ripped: The Allure of Collage** featured 48 collages by a diverse range of European and American artists demonstrated the medium’s broad and surprising power.

**Coming of Age in America: The Photography of Joseph Szabo** presented a dual portrait of adolescence on Long Island and summers on the iconic Jones Beach.

**A Way with Words: Text in Art** gives new meaning to the cliche “a picture is worth a thousand words.” This exhibition explores the many ways that artists use words, lettering, and numbers.

**Across Time & Place: Treasures from the Permanent Collection** features artwork dating from the 16th century to the present.

*This exhibition is currently on view in the south galleries.
Highlights from the Exhibition

Photographs of ALL STUDENT ARTWORK in the exhibition will be posted in a photo album. VIEW & SHARE YOUR ARTWORK ONLINE!

The Heckscher Museum is on Facebook.

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Full-Color Exhibition Catalogue COMING SOON!

This exhibition catalogue will feature full-color images of ALL student artwork in the exhibition as well as student artist statements.

Each exhibiting artist and his/her art teacher will be mailed one complimentary catalogue as soon as they are available.

Additional copies will be available for purchase. Limited availability. Call 631.351.3250 for more information.

Special thanks to Inna Gellerman, DDS, Children and Adult Orthodontics, for funding the 2012 Long Island’s Best exhibition catalogue.

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Exhibiting Artists 2012

Samantha Abruzzo, Kings Park HS
Jeffrey Allen, Syosset HS
Noreen Arshad, Amityville HS
Michela Bentel, The Long Island Academy of Fine Art
Andrew Borgese, Floral Park Memorial HS - Harold Kleinpeter Achievement Award
Chelsea Borsack, Oceanside HS
Nicholas Bottiglieri, Bellport HS
Tara Brady, Patchogue-Medford HS - Honorable Mention
Kyle Brennan, Connetquot HS
Shannon Carey, Sonderling HS
Megan Cassidy, Bellport HS - Renzo S. Bianchi Scholarship Award/Honorable Mention
Yirang Choi, Ashcan Studio of Art, Inc.
Evan Cirino, Cold Spring Harbor HS
Jennifer Combs, Mount Sinai HS
Christie Conk, North Babylon HS
Melissa Conklin, Valley Stream South HS
Kimberly Cooper, Cold Spring Harbor HS - Achievement in Pen and Ink
Brittany Cutrone, Bayport-Blue Point HS
Azha Daniels, Amityville Memorial HS
Olivia Deschler, Long Beach HS - Fourth Place
Stacey Dinkel, West Babylon HS
Emily Doglio, Division Avenue HS
Jack Drew, Baldwin Senior HS
Tevin Foster, Ross High School
Phillip Gladkov, Walt Whitman HS - First Place
Francesca Gray, Huntington HS - Renzo S. Bianchi Scholarship Award
Zachary Harragan, Sayville HS - Renzo S. Bianchi Scholarship Award
Danielle Heyder, Bayport-Blue Point HS
Nikki Horowitz, Half Hollow Hills HS East
Sharmila Hossain, Division Avenue HS
Nicole Jannetti, MacArthur HS
Spencer Kaplan, Half Hollow Hills HS East - Honorable Mention
Kristin Kempa, Wantagh HS
Serena Kim, Ashcan Studio of Art, Inc.
Brett Kirschner, Half Hollow Hills HS East
Cynthia Lau, Hicksville HS - Donald G. Horn, Jr. Achievement Award
Lauren LiBrizzi, Long Beach HS - Allan H. Altman Achievement Award
Alex Lotz, Northport HS
Kelly Louie, W. T. Clarke HS
Caroline Lupardo, Walt Whitman HS
Ashton Mallardi, Cold Spring Harbor HS - Renzo S. Bianchi Scholarship Award
Congratulations to all exhibiting artists!

Devin Mammone, Cold Spring Harbor HS
Natalie Marcianó, Our Lady of Mercy Academy
Antonia Marrero, Ward Melville HS
Kerrilyn McDonald, Ward Melville HS - Second Place
Christina Menendez, Bellport HS - Renzo S. Bianchi Scholarship Award
Christopher Minafo, Locust Valley HS
Alexandra Monks, Cold Spring Harbor HS
Roxana Moreira, Huntington HS
Samantha Murphy, Syosset HS - Achievement in Photography
Amanda Nagy, Hicksville HS
Raissa Oliveira-Silva, Commack HS - Renzo S. Bianchi Scholarship Award
Lorelei Olk, Sayville HS
Robert Penagos, Hicksville HS
Brianna Perdue, Half Hollow Hills HS East - Honorable Mention
Daniella Plasterer, Half Hollow Hills HS West
Samantha Polins, Bellport HS
Kevin Pugh, Wantagh HS
Catherine Radziul, Our Lady of Mercy Academy
Zanali Razvi, Floral Park Memorial HS
Shannon Reilly, Walt Whitman HS
Ashley Riordan, West Islip HS
Melissa Robinson, John F. Kennedy HS - Achievement in Painting
Allen Saltzman, Plainview-Old Bethpage JFK HS
Valentino Sammarone, Valley Stream South HS
Molly Samuel, Half Hollow Hills HS East
Elizabeth Schmitz, Our Lady of Mercy - Donald & Gloria Horn Achievement Award
Victoria Sica, Cold Spring Harbor HS
Amber Simson, Elmont Memorial HS
Minjung Son, Ashcan Studio of Art, Inc.
Kimberly Stallone, West Babylon HS
Shaina Tabak, Syosset HS
Sara Taheri, Locust Valley HS - Achievement in Colored Pencil
Kara Talve, Huntington HS - Third Place
Hayley Torswick, Division Avenue HS
Toni Weathers, West Babylon HS
Jordan Weinstein, Roslyn HS
Craig White, Nassau BOCES Long Island HS for the Arts
Shiyun (Ella) Xue, Valley Stream North HS
Andrea Zuart, Oceanside HS
Advanced Placement Studio Art Class, Wantagh HS
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Students from 48 high schools across Nassau and Suffolk Counties submitted artwork for jurying for the 2012 exhibition. Thank you to all of the participating schools, administrators, and teachers. Without your support, this exhibition would not be possible.
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PORTFOLIO DEVELOPMENT SERIES for High School Students: October 2012

Putting your portfolio together?
This series is designed to help high school art students develop their portfolios for college admissions. Students are invited to attend one or more sessions.

FREE ADMISSION

Portfolio Advice Evening
How do you begin to develop a portfolio for college admissions? An Admissions Counselor from the School of Visual Arts will answer this question and more to help you develop a strong portfolio.

Portfolio Review Nights I & II
Bring your portfolio for a one-on-one evaluation by professional admissions counselors from colleges and universities on these two evenings.

Call 631.351.3250 for up-to-date information.

Get involved in Long Island's Best 2013!

To participate in this program, students must register through their schools. Each school must complete a School Participation Form and pay a non-refundable $20 registration fee in the fall. This entitles a school to four student entries, created and selected under the guidance of the art teacher.

Additional entries may be earned by participating in the Museum's School Discovery Programs during the 2012-2013 school year.

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