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CALLING TEEN ARTISTS: SUBMISSIONS NOW ACCEPTED FOR 2021 SCHOLASTIC ART AWARDS

The Nevada Museum of Art invites Northern Nevada students in grades 7 – 12 (ages 13 and up) to submit creative and original artwork to the nation’s longest-running art competition. In response to the health and safety guidelines for Covid-19, several changes have been implemented this year to ease the submission process.



Reno, Nev. (October 7, 2020) – The Nevada Museum of Art invites Northern Nevada’s creative teens (grades 7 – 12) to submit original artwork to the 2021 Scholastic Art Awards, the nation’s longest-running art competition. From film to fashion, ceramics to photography, and all mediums in between, students are encouraged to enter their unique, personal visions via digital upload now through December 10, 2020, at the [Scholastic Art Awards website](#). The Museum is hosting the regional Scholastic Art Awards for the 23rd consecutive year. For the first time, the institution will partner with the University of Nevada Reno, School of the Arts, and College of Liberal Arts to present the exhibition and ceremony.

Select winning artworks will be exhibited at the Sheppard Contemporary Gallery at the Lilley Museum of Art at the University from February 5 through March 5, 2021. A celebration ceremony is planned at Nightingale Hall, February 19, 2021, pending gathering regulations due to Covid-19. University officials believe the new relationship with the Museum will further connect young artists to higher education.

“The Lilley Museum, the School of the Arts, and the College of Liberal Arts at the University of Nevada, Reno, are thrilled to partner with the Nevada Museum of Art in hosting the 2021 Scholastic Art Awards,” Vivian Zavataro, Director of the John and Geraldine Lilley Museum of Art at the University of Nevada, Reno, said. “Our collective intention is to recognize and honor the amazing artistic talents of Northern Nevada middle and high school students while also providing an opportunity for these students to learn more about creative and academic life at the University.”

Last year, a panel of local judges sorted through more than 2,000 works submitted in 16 categories for the Northern Nevada visual arts component of the 2020 Scholastic Arts & Writing Awards, overseen by the Nevada Museum of Art. This year, middle and high school students (ages 13 or older) must submit their entries digitally to maintain a contactless and safe submission process. No physical entries, cash or check submission payments will be accepted. To accommodate students who are on a fully distance or hybrid learning mode, teacher signatures on entry forms are no longer required.

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“Enhancing educational opportunities in the community is always our priority,” said Jacque Dawson, Nevada Museum of Art Nell J. Redfield School Services Manager. “During this difficult time, it is vital that we have opportunities for students to explore what they are capable of creating. We believe that encouraging students to discover and cultivate their creative skills is the foundation to support innovative thinkers of the future.”

Categories include ceramics & glass, mixed media, digital art, drawing & illustration, photography, fashion, film & animation, and more. Entries will be judged on originality, technical skill, and the emergence of a unique, personal vision. The deadline to submit is **Thursday, December 10, 2020**. Participating students can visit the Scholastic Art & Writing website, <https://www.artandwriting.org/affiliate/NV001A/>, for specific submission details. Students will be notified of their award status by **Thursday, January 28, 2021**.

Each year since 1999, the Nevada Museum of Art, Donald W. Reynolds Center for the Visual Arts, E. L. Wiegand Gallery, has overseen the Northern Nevada regional visual arts component of the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, honoring exceptional middle and high school students from Carson City, Churchill, Douglas, Elko, Eureka, Humboldt, Lander, Lyon, Mineral, Pershing, Storey, Washoe, and White Pine counties. Students submitting original work to the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards follow in the footsteps of distinguished Awards alumni including Andy Warhol, Truman Capote, Sylvia Plath, Richard Avedon and Reno’s own Michael Sarich.

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About Nevada Museum of Art

The **Nevada Museum of Art** is the only art museum in Nevada accredited by the American Alliance of Museums (AAM). A private, nonprofit organization founded in 1931, the statewide institution is supported by its membership as well as sponsorships, gifts and grants. Through its permanent collections, original exhibitions and programming, and E.L. Cord Museum School, the Nevada Museum of Art provides meaningful opportunities for people to engage with a range of art and education experiences. The Museum’s **Center for Art + Environment** is an internationally recognized research center dedicated to supporting the practice, study, and awareness of creative interactions between people and their environments. The Center houses unique archive materials from more than 1,000 artists working on all seven continents, including Cape Farewell, Michael Heizer, Walter de Maria, Lita Albuquerque, Burning Man, the Center for Land Use Interpretation, Great Basin Native Artists Archive, Ugo Rondinone’s *Seven Magic Mountains*, and Trevor Paglen’s *Orbital Reflector*. Learn more at nevadaart.org.

About the University of Nevada, Reno, and School of the Arts

The **University of Nevada, Reno**, is a public research university that is committed to the promise of a future powered by knowledge. Nevada’s land-grant university founded in 1874, the University serves 21,000 students. The University is a comprehensive, doctoral university, classified as an R1 institution with very high research activity by the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education. Additionally, it has attained the prestigious “Carnegie Engaged” classification, reflecting its student and institutional impact on civic engagement and service, fostered by extensive community and statewide collaborations. More than \$800 million in advanced labs, residence halls and facilities has been invested on campus since 2009. It is home to the University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine and Wolf Pack Athletics, maintains a statewide outreach mission and presence through programs such as the University of Nevada, Reno Extension, Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology, Small Business Development Center, Nevada Seismological Laboratory, and is part of the Nevada System of Higher Education. Through a commitment to world-improving research, student success and outreach benefiting the communities and businesses of Nevada, the University has impact across the state and around the world. For more information, visit www.unr.edu.

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