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STATE SUPERINTENDENT’S VISUAL ARTS EXHIBIT AT STATE CAPITOL
Annual Event Showcases Grades K-12 Student Artists and the Educators who Inspire Creativity

Montgomery, Ala. – More than 645 student artists statewide entered the annual State Superintendent’s Visual Arts Exhibit to showcase the artistic talents of Alabama’s public school students in Grades K-12. Last year 514 students participated.

The annual exhibit is on display February 3-24, 2017, in the Old Supreme Court Library, State Capitol, 600 Dexter Avenue, Montgomery, AL 36130. On February 9, the Alabama State Board of Education will honor the student winners and their teachers during the Board’s monthly meeting.

This year’s Best of Show winner is Joseph Bush of Saraland High School, Saraland City School System. Bush’s teacher is Catherine Wood. His winning submission “Life in Death” is below:



“We are honored to have so many creative and expressive students submit art for this year’s show. The arts are an integral part of academics, and it is vital to shine a light on the impact programs in our schools make in students’ lives,” said State Superintendent Michael Sentance.

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Sponsors of the State Superintendent’s Visual Arts Exhibit include the Alabama State Department of Education, Alabama Alliance for Arts in Education, Alabama Arts License Tag Grant, and Alabama Institute for Education in the Arts

For more information on the winner, please contact Catherine Wood, cwood@saralandboe.org. For state-level information, contact Andy Meadows, Arts Education Specialist, Instructional Services, Alabama State Department of Education, at ameadows@alsde.edu.

Full List of Winners:

Division 7-8					
Place	First Name	Last Name	Category	Teacher	System
1st	Kaia	Johnson	I	Cumbee Tyndal	AL School of Fine Arts
2nd	Alyssa	Green	I	Nancy Meeks	Russellville City
3rd	Hartley	Reynolds	I	Carol Hill	Gadsden City
HM	Cecilia	Kong	I	Larry Gibson	Vestavia Hills
HM	Brennan	Lein	I	Cumbee Tyndal	AL School of Fine Arts
Category II					
1st	Anna	Claypoole	II	Bo Doss	Hoover City
2nd	Paige	Crawley	II	Jennifer Sullivant	Troy City
3rd	Dwayne	Goggins	II	Sharon Williams	Macon County
HM	Brooke	McLendon	II	Jennifer Sullivant	Troy City
HM	Mary	Stoltze	II	Jennifer Sullivant	Troy City

Division 9-10					
Place	First Name	Last Name	Category	Teacher	System
1st	Devon	Hill	I	Amber Henson	Enterprise City
2nd	Piper	Cole	I	Randy Gachet	AL School of Fine Arts
3rd	Alyssa	Barbee	I	Melissa Arnold	Cullman City
HM	Michelle	Byrd	I	Olsen Ross	Jefferson County
HM	Walter	Mason	I	Adam Sterrett	Trussville City
Category II					
1st	Sam	Rigsby	II	Ben Rigsby	Hoover City
2nd	Stuart	Huddleston	II	Becton Morgan	Mountain Brook City
3rd	Katherine	Myrick	II	Emily Thomas	Montgomery County
HM	Anne	Senecal	II	Jonathan Cain	Florence City
HM	Claire	Elliot	II	Eric Mittman	Madison County

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Division 11-12					
Place	First Name	Last Name	Category	Teacher	System
1st	Zoe	Sparks	I	Jessica Rape	Autauga County
2nd	Alexis	Gonzalez	I	Ashby Frazier	Albertville City
3rd	Madeline	Barnhill	I	Nicole McKinney	Shelby County
HM	Elisa	Castaneda	I	Robin Lakso	Madison City
HM	Youngho	Kwon	I	Jessica Rape	Autauga County
Category II					
1st	Erica	Troy	II	Eric Mittman	Madison County
2nd	Joshua	Barnes	II	Randy Gachet	AL School of Fine Arts
3rd	Emily	Collins	II	Eric Mittman	Madison County
HM	Brian	Morgan	II	Angel Chaney	Scottsboro City
HM	Lydia	Dauser	II	Eric Mittman	Madison County
Best of Show					
	Joseph	Bush	I	Catherine Wood	Saraland City

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