

2019 Visual Arts Achievement Program



The current exhibit features a group of Alabama's emerging artists – students in the visual arts programs from public and private middle schools and high schools throughout the state.

This is a juried exhibit. The works displayed have been chosen from 6 districts, which encompass the entire state of Alabama. Some districts juried more than 300 works of art, selecting the top works in each of seven categories, best in each of two age levels, and best of their shows. These selections are then sent to our gallery to be displayed during the month of April. We are proud to host to creative skills of these fine students and applaud the work of their teachers. Students are grouped according to age. The age categories are middle school, grades 6-8, and high school, grades 9-12. Works are submitted according to categories: painting, drawing, mixed media, three-dimensional/crafts, photography, printmaking, and computer images.

In addition to the district and state exhibitions, the program involves a portfolio competition for senior students who wish to pursue their arts training in higher education. The portfolios are adjudicated by professional artists and professors from the art departments of partnering institutions. Five students from the portfolio competition are selected to receive a \$500 scholarship from the State Arts Council. Partner institutions match that award, providing a total of \$1,000 if a student chooses to attend the partnering institution. This year our partners are: Auburn University Montgomery; Birmingham-Southern College; Jacksonville State University; Savannah College of Art & Design; Samford University; Troy University; University of Alabama Huntsville; University of Alabama Birmingham; University of Montevallo; University of North Alabama.

This year we are able to showcase the digital portfolios of our high school senior scholarship winners. Out of several submissions, five students were selected. The Awards Ceremony for this exhibit will be held at the Capitol auditorium on Friday, April 26th at 1:00pm, with a reception in the Gallery immediately following the ceremony.

The exhibit is on display in the Georgine Clarke Alabama Artists Gallery through April 26. The gallery is operated by the Alabama State Council on the Arts and is free and open to the public Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. The gallery is located on the first floor of the RSA Tower, located in downtown Montgomery at 201 Monroe Street.

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