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District Visual Arts Students Showcase Work at Annual Art Show

Visual art produced by talented Santa Monica-Malibu Unified students will be showcased at the district's annual art show planned for Wednesday, May 17, 2017 at Santa Monica Art Studios from 5-8 pm. The art show is open to parents, students and the community, with a requested donation of \$10 to support visual arts throughout the district.

Some 350 works of art will be displayed by secondary students attending John Adams Middle School, Lincoln Middle School, SMASH Middle School, Olympic High School, Malibu Middle and High School and Santa Monica High School. Art will include: Drawings, paintings, printmaking, photography, film / video, sculpting and ceramics.

"We are so proud of our art students, teachers and staff, for the hard work and vision required to create and install such a phenomenal exhibit," Superintendent Dr. Ben Drati said. "This is a great opportunity to highlight the district's visual arts curriculum and celebrate the accomplishments of talented student artists and teachers."

This year, the Kiwanis Club of Santa Monica will be awarding nine \$250 scholarships totaling \$2,250 to juniors and seniors in drawing, painting, photography, ceramics, pottery, digital design, film, video and digital photography. The artwork will be adjudicated by outstanding visual art professionals including: Catherine Opie, UCLA visual art department chair; Karen Koblitz, USC ceramics department chair and Inez Bush, Otis College of Design. Honorable mention ribbons will be given for other outstanding work.

"Visual arts, as well as performing arts, is an incredible mainstay in Santa Monica-Malibu, and with good reason -- we have so many talented student artists and instructors," Santa Monica-Malibu Visual and Performing Arts Coordinator Tom Whaley said. "Our students truly exemplify talent and creativity and we are grateful to have this event highlight their achievements."

Entertainment for the art show will be provided by the Santa Monica High Jazz Combo and Novel Café will have food and beverages available for purchase.

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