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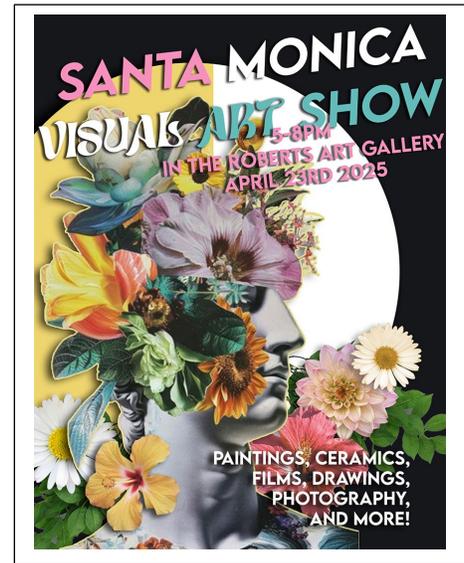
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**Santa Monica Visual Arts Student Showcase**

Visual art produced by talented Santa Monica middle and high school students will be showcased at Santa Monica's annual art show planned for Wednesday, April 23, 2025 at the Roberts Art Gallery, from 5-8 p.m. Roberts Art Gallery is located conveniently right next door to the entrance to Barnum Hall on the Samohi campus. The art show is open to parents, students and the community, with a requested donation of \$10 to support visual arts at the Santa Monica middle and high schools.

Numerous works of art will be displayed by secondary students attending John Adams Middle School, Lincoln Middle School, SMASH and Santa Monica High School. Art will include: Drawings, paintings, printmaking, photography, film/video, sculptures 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. Antonio Shelton said. "This is a great opportunity to highlight the visual arts curriculum in Santa Monica schools and celebrate the accomplishments of talented student artists and teachers."

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. 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 Combos and a food truck will provide food and beverages available for purchase. Parking is in the Discovery lot 600 Olympic Blvd. or at the Civic Center lot on Fourth Street. (Parking rates at the civic will apply.)

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