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***Award Winners Selected for the Young Arkansas Artists  
49th Annual Exhibition at the Arkansas Arts Center***

**(LITTLE ROCK, AR)** – The Arkansas Arts Center announces the award winners for the *Young Arkansas Artists 49th Annual Exhibition*. The exhibition will be held at the Arkansas Arts Center Community Gallery at the Terry House on April 9 - May 23, 2010.

Organized by the Arkansas Arts Center with the cooperation of the Arkansas Department of Education, the *Young Arkansas Artists* exhibition showcases artworks of all media created by students in kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade in Arkansas schools- both public and private.

Awards for the *Young Arkansas Artists 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Exhibition* were selected by Win Bruhl, who has taught printmaking and drawing at four universities since 1970. He is currently chairman of the Department of Art at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. Bruhl studied art and art education at Southeast Missouri State and has a Master of Fine Arts in printmaking from Montana State University.

Bruhl selected one “Best of Class” and two “Honorable Mention” awards for each grade level. Monetary awards, funded by Arkansas Children’s Hospital, are given to each winner’s school to support the funding of art programs.

A special reception and awards ceremony will be held for the artists selected for the *Young Arkansas Artists 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Exhibition* and their families. The artist reception will be held April 25, 2010, from 1 – 3 p.m. at the Arkansas Arts Center Community Gallery at the Terry House.

The *Young Arkansas Artists 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Exhibition* is sponsored by Lisenne Rockefeller. The *Young Arkansas Artists* artist reception is sponsored by the Fine Arts Club of Arkansas and Yarnell’s Ice Cream.

The following is a list of award winners for this year’s exhibition categorized by grade. A \* represents “Best of Class” and a # represents “Honorable Mention.”

**Kindergarten:**

- \* Catie Carroll, Our Lady of the Holy Souls School, Little Rock
- # Gracie Fason, Sallie Cone Elementary School, Conway
- # Adrianna Ford, Wakefield Elementary, Little Rock

**1<sup>st</sup> Grade:**

- \* Mary Margaret McClellan, Pulaski Academy, Little Rock
- # Julia Bohnert, Lakeside Primary, Hot Springs
- # Leslie Ortiz, Weiner Elementary School, Weiner

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:**

- \* Falon Scott, Poyen School, Poyen
- # Mackenzie Glenn, Marguerite Vann Elementary, Conway
- # Ethan Martin, Timbo School, Timbo

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade:**

- \* Nick Harvey, Crestwood Elementary, North Little Rock
- # Juliun James, Gibbs Magnet School, Little Rock
- # Sierra Johnson, Jasper Elementary School, Jasper

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade:**

- \* Amanda Young, Pine Forest Elementary, Maumelle
- # Mollie Campbell, Timbo School, Timbo
- # Diana Plunkett, Cathedral School, Little Rock

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade:**

- \* Julian Kresse, Gibbs Magnet School, Little Rock
- # Kiki Felton, Crestwood Elementary, Little Rock
- # Logan Sisk, Timbo School, Timbo

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade:**

- \* Colton Anderson, Home School Arts, Marianna
- # Sara Densmore, McGehee Elementary School, McGehee
- # Gabe Rooney, Lonoke Middle School, Lonoke

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade:**

- \* Kacy Mays, Barton Junior High School, El Dorado
- # Cooper Dacus, Annie Camp Junior High School, Jonesboro
- # Kaleigh Lynxwiler, Highland Middle School, Hardy

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade:**

- \* Daniel Hader, Washington Junior High, Bentonville
- # Ashton Brass, Episcopal Collegiate School, Little Rock
- # Jack Rindahl, Christ the King School, Little Rock

**9<sup>th</sup> Grade:**

- \* Marcus Menefee, Hot Springs High School, Hot Springs
- # Group Project, Arkansas School for the Blind, Little Rock
- # Carmen Miller, Valley View High School, Jonesboro

**10<sup>th</sup> Grade:**

- \* Brian Strigel, Parkview Arts and Science Magnet High School, Little Rock
- # Brooke Collins, Episcopal Collegiate School, Little Rock
- # Christen McCann, Hall High School, Little Rock

**11<sup>th</sup> Grade:**

- \* Christina Downes, Episcopal Collegiate School, Little Rock
- # Wesley Cowling, Arkansas High School, Texarkana
- # Lauren Turpen, Vilonia High School, Vilonia

**12<sup>th</sup> Grade:**

- \* Sam Shelton, Cabot High School, Cabot
- # Arrington Grimmer, Valley View High School, Jonesboro
- # Bryce Jordan, Arkansas High School, Texarkana

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**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Contact:** 501-372-4000

**Location:** Arkansas Arts Center Community Gallery at the Terry House

7<sup>th</sup> & Rock streets, Little Rock, AR 72202

Free Admission.

**Gallery Hours:** 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Tuesday - Friday

10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Saturday

11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Sunday

Closed Monday & Major Holidays

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**Awards sponsored by: Arkansas Children's Hospital**

**Artist reception sponsored by: Fine Arts Club of Arkansas and Yarnell's Ice Cream**

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