



WADSWORTH ATHENEUM MUSEUM OF ART

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STUDENT ARTWORKS TAKE CENTER STAGE AT THE 42ND ANNUAL HARTFORD YOUTH ART RENAISSANCE

The Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art continues its longtime partnership with Hartford Public Schools to present the 42nd annual Hartford Youth Art Renaissance. From Sat., April 25 to Sun., May 24, 2015, approximately 100 exemplary works of art created by students in kindergarten through grade 12 will be displayed at the museum and at Hartford Public Library Downtown, located at 500 Main Street, Hartford. An audio guide of select students' reflections on their artworks will accompany the installations. Works of art may be previewed online at https://www.flickr.com/photos/hyar_2015.

On Sat., May 16, the museum will host an award ceremony and reception to honor all student-artists, their families, and art teachers. Two Hartford high school students who have demonstrated exceptional creative talents in the exhibition's portfolio division will receive scholarships to attend the Hartford Art School's "Summer Portfolio Program," a month-long experience of diverse studio course offerings and associated visits to the museum designed to further develop student portfolios for college admissions.

The Wadsworth Atheneum has presented the Hartford Youth Art Renaissance in collaboration with Hartford Public Schools since 1980, and continues to foster future artistic leaders as part of the museum's Community Engagement Initiative, launched in 2008 with the goal of providing greater community access to the museum.

About the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art

Founded in 1842, the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art is the oldest public art museum in the United States. The museum's nearly 50,000 works of art span 5,000 years, from Greek and Roman antiquities to the first museum collection of American contemporary art. The

museum is located at 600 Main Street in Hartford, Conn. Since 2010 the museum has been undergoing a major, \$33 million renovation, slated to be complete 2015. Hours: Wed–Fri: 11 a.m.–5 p.m.; Sat and Sun: 10 a.m.–5 p.m.; First Thursdays: 11 a.m.–8 p.m. Admission: \$5–\$10; discounts for members, students and seniors; Hartford students (grades K–12) receive free admission year-round. Phone: (860) 278-2670; website: <http://thewadsworth.org>.

About the Hartford Public Schools

The Hartford Public Schools exist to provide all students with access to participation in a global Economy through attainment of the academic standards set by the State of Connecticut and readiness for post-secondary education. It serves approximately 22,000 students in 57 schools. Additional information is available at www.hartfordschools.org.

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