

University School Artists Advance to National Judging

The nation's most prestigious arts recognition program bestowed two American Visions nominations as well as numerous regional Gold Keys, Silver Keys and Honorable Mentions to University School visual artists. One of the two works that will be presented for national American Vision consideration is a photograph produced by Middle School student Peri Shechtman. The other American Vision nominated work is a ceramic piece by senior Yasmin Uddin.



"Light will guide you" by Peri Shechtman



"Cantilever" by Yasmin Uddin

All of the works receiving recognition at the Broward County Regional Scholastic Art Competition (see following page for University School artists) will be exhibited at Young At Art Museum in the Knight Gallery from February 15 through February 24, 2013 during museum hours. Regional American Vision Nominees and Gold Key recipients will advance to the national round of judging. The American Vision works by Yasmin and Peri will further compete for the "Best in Show" regional title as well as for the final national exhibition.

The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards have an impressive legacy dating back to 1923 and a noteworthy roster of past winners, including Andy Warhol, Sylvia Plath, Truman Capote, Richard Avedon, Robert Redford and Joyce Carol Oates. The awards are presented by the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization formed to provide creative teens with opportunities for recognition, exhibition, publication, scholarships and professional development.

Among the benefits of the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards program is the opportunity to develop skills and vision needed for college admissions, to earn scholarships, and to build credentials for resumes.

Submissions are juried by luminaries in the visual and literary arts. Panelists look for works that best exemplify originality, technical skill and the emergence of a personal voice or vision.

2012 Regional Winners

AMERICAN VISION NOMINEES*

Yasmin Uddin, Ceramics (Grade 12)
Peri Shechtman, Digital (Grade 8)

UPPER SCHOOL AWARDS

Portfolio

Gillian Newman Honorable Mention

Gold Key*

Emily Africk	Drawing
Sydney Fleisher	Painting
Raevin Frank	Photography
Gabi Lauzier	Ceramics
Maya McCoy	Mixed Media
Kelsey Rapp	Drawing
Evy Sands	Painting
Yasmin Uddin	Ceramics

Silver Key

Aku Acquaye	Ceramics
Alyssa Bonchick	Photography
Katelyn Barclay	Photography
Jack Davidson	Photography
Allie Elam	Sculpture
Joyce Esquenazi	Mixed Media
Kaela Fennell-Chin	Drawing
Kaela Fennell-Chin	Painting
Rachel Friedman	Ceramics
Gina Grosso	Mixed Media
Emily Kopas	Ceramics
Gabi Lauzier	Ceramics
Sarah Leinwand	Ceramics
Amanda Lowitz	Photography
Joseph Mijares	Ceramics
Kajal Patel	Sculpture
Christina Rennison	Ceramics
Leith Van Schalkwyk	Painting

**American Vision and Gold Key works will be submitted to New York for national judging, to select the top 300 Scholastic art works in the country.*

Honorable Mention

Alyssa Bonchick	Photography
Harley Dante	Drawing
Denise Dorra	Ceramics
Pauline Eckart	Mixed Media
Joyce Esquenazi	Painting
Tara Firestone	Sculpture
Rachel Friedman	Ceramics
Maria Gomez	Ceramics
Emily Kopas	Sculpture
Lucas Lacerda	Photography
Gabi Lauzier	Ceramics
Matthew Lyn	Ceramics
Maya McCoy	Drawing
Morgan McKeown(2)	Digital (2)
Joseph Mijares (2)	Ceramics, Mixed Media
Michele Mitchell	Digital
Gillian Newman	Drawing
Kajal Patel (2)	Ceramics
Rebecca Rash	Ceramics
Jordyn Rosenblum	Mixed Media
Evy Sands	Mixed Media
Selena Santos	Photography
Yasmin Uddin (3)	Ceramics (2), Sculpture
Leith Van Schalkwyk	Mixed Media
Chiara Waingarten	Drawing
Zongmin Yin	Drawing

MIDDLE SCHOOL AWARDS

Gold Key*

Caitlin Cahalin	Digital
Maia Cole	Painting
Peri Shechtman	Digital

Silver Key

Caitlin Cahalin	Photography
Stephanie Gonzalez	Photography
Madeleine Smith	Photography

Honorable Mention

Daniella Batievsky	Photography
Caitlin Cahalin	Photography
Amanda Hindelang	Drawing
Mackenzie Jacob	Photography
Taylor Tabor	Photography