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**

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**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.

### 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