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24 awards presented for artwork in 2022 BCPS Middle School Juried Art Exhibition

Towson, MD – Awards were presented to 24 Baltimore County Public Schools' middle school students during a June reception for the 2022 BCPS Middle School Juried Art Exhibition.

This exhibition features more than 100 artworks displayed <u>virtually</u> and 24 selected artworks on display until August 29 in the Superintendent's Gallery in the BCPS administration building (6901 N. Charles St., Building A, Towson 21204).

"The Middle School Juried Exhibition reflects our students' tremendous amount of artistic ability, skill development, art exploration, and making a meaningful connection to their work," said Camille Gibson, BCPS visual arts supervisor. "We would like to congratulate all our student artists in this exhibit!"

Awards were presented to the following students:

Grade 6

Best in Show -- Carlos Diaz-Roque, Lansdowne Middle School, "Bagalso with mask"

1st Place -- Sylvia Schmidt. Loch Raven Technical Academy, "Once Upon A Alebrije"

2nd Place – Kira Crockett, General John Stricker Middle School, "Shoes"

3rd Place – Cristine Ramirez-Rivera, Parkville Middle School, "Landscape in Layers" Honorable mentions:

- Tru Thompson Smallwood, Northwest Academy of Health Sciences, "Bridge"
- Sevyn Singletary, Deer Park Middle Magnet School, "Dinky the Parrot"
- Roshnee Ramji, Cockeysville Middle School, "Jicheal Maxon"
- Nya Anders, Sudbrook Magnet Middle School, "Heaven"

Grade 7

Best in Show -- Michelle Wang, Ridgely Middle School, "P.O.V. Paper"

1st Place -- Hana Oishi, Ridgely Middle School, "I Like to Draw"

2nd Place -- Alicia Jiang, Perry Hall Middle School, "Still life with Gourds"

3rd Place -- David Arowolo, Perry Hall Middle School, "My Self"

Honorable mentions:

- Blayne Lowe, Lansdowne Middle School, "Garage in perspective"
- Kayla Le, Pine Grove Middle School, "Water"
- D'Ziyre Warner, Sudbrook Magnet Middle School, "Crooked Smile"
- Madeleine Hoyle, Middle River Middle School, "Blue Pansy Butterfly"

Grade 8

Best in Show -- Rodshi Bari, Sudbrook Magnet Middle School, "Self-portrait"

1st Place -- Dessa Haavik, Dumbarton Middle School, "The Whimsical Trumpeter"

2nd Place -- Kiomi Powell, Parkville Middle School, "The Right Door"

3rd Place -- Maya Tedder, Catonsville Middle School, "Pointillism Animal"

Honorable mentions:

- Michelle Okolo-I, Cockeysville Middle School, "Self Portrait in Clay"
- Grace Williams, Loch Raven Technical Academy, "Horse Study"
- Jack McGuinn, Catonsville Middle School, "The G.O.A.T."
- Carmyn Davis, Windsor Mill Middle School, "Self Portrait"

(Editor's note: Attached to this release are images of the three Best in Show pieces.)

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