**Art Center of Battle Creek**

**Class Act: Elementary and Secondary Student Art Show**

**March 4-24, 2018**

Class Act is once again here and you are invited to participate! This is also the Art Center’s 70th Anniversary. The Art Center has sponsored and hosted Class Act since the 1960s and is proud to be able to continue to offer this wonderful exhibition and work with all of you!

Please SAVE this sheet that includes all of the important instructions and dates. You can also find the information on our website at [www.artcenterofbattlecreek.org](http://www.artcenterofbattlecreek.org). Guidelines, inventory sheets, learning statement forms and award certificates are available on line. If you have trouble opening the pages on line or need hard copies, please call the Art Center at 269-962-9511.

Please be sure to tell your participating artists and their families—this exhibit is FREE to the public and so are the receptions!

Art Center hours: Tuesday to Friday from 10 am to 5 pm, Saturday 11 am to 3 pm. Please contact us to make special arrangements if it is difficult to get here! Thank you: Linda Holderbaum, Executive Director and Michelle Dunkelberger, Assistant to the ED.

**ELEMENTARY ARTWORK GUIDELINES**

* 2D and 3D work is accepted.
* The Art Center provides 3- 32” by 40” black poster boards per school (at no charge). We ask that you only use Art Center boards. **Boards and forms can be picked up after February 6.**
* Position artwork on the board so that it does not hang off the edges.
* All 2D work must be mounted to the boards. Mount nametags in the lower corner of the work. **Deliver boards and 3D works to the Art Center by Tuesday, February 27.**
* The elementary reception will take place on Sunday, March 4 from 2-4 pm.
* **You may pick up artwork after the exhibit ends- between March 27 and April 14. Artwork left after this time will not be kept.**

**MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL ARTWORK GUIDELINES (Grades 6-12)**

* Each teacher may submit five 2D and five 3D works.
* Each piece must be ready for presentation and ready to hang with student name fixed to the front of each piece.
* 3D work must be ready for display with student name and school marked on the bottom or back of each piece. Pieces will not be accepted unless they are marked with student name.
* All work must be original.
* A name tag must be attached to each work.
* **Deliver art work to the Art Center by Tuesday, February 27.**
* The Secondary reception date will be Sunday, March 18 from 2-4 pm.
* **You may pick up artwork after the exhibit ends- between March 27 and April 14. Artwork left after this time will not be kept.**

**Class Act….about learning statements…**

The reasoning behind learning statements is to help the public understand the value of the work you do with your students. We know every art teacher begins planning by thinking through each lesson’s objective, so most of the work for a learning statement is already done. Just jot it down! Please don’t make a big deal of these statements—they are just a quick way of giving viewers a bit more information when they look at your students’ artwork. You will notice the form is small, that’s because these statements should be short! They can be completed by you or, if you work with upper elementary students or older, the students can write them. The statement should be brief, written in plain English, and easy to understand. I would suggest that great pains be made to proof your spelling and grammar.

The statement should:

* Be brief—2 or 3 sentences at most
* Be neatly handwritten or typed
* Be about the assignment and refer to a group of work or describe a single work
* Explain the content of the work (i.e. design problem, expression of a style, visual story, etc.) or refer to learning in art history, reflect art criticism or an aesthetic discussion.

If you have any questions, please call the Art Center…269-962-9511.

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Elementary and Secondary art teachers from Calhoun County and the CISD (Calhoun Intermediate School District) have once again chosen student artwork for display in our Class Act 2018 exhibition. The free exhibit takes place at the Art Center of Battle Creek beginning Sunday, March 4 and continues through Saturday, March 24. This exhibit celebrates the best artwork created by kindergarten through 12th graders! We invite you to attend our free Class Act 2018 receptions with your student(s). Because of the tremendous response to the receptions—we have two receptions divided by grade level.

The Class Act Elementary (grades K-5) reception will take place on Sunday, March 4th from 2-4 pm at the Art Center. Art students and their teachers will be honored during this time. Refreshments will be served. Students present will have a chance to win door prizes.

The Class Act Secondary (grades 6-12) reception will take place on Sunday, March 18th from 2-4 pm. This exhibit is a juried exhibit with first, second, third and honorable mention awards presented the day of the reception. Refreshments are also served. Exhibiting students have the opportunity to win a door prize during the event.

We look forward to meeting you and your family on reception day to celebrate the creativity of these students and their art teachers! If you cannot make the reception, please come in with your artists and family to see the exhibit! We are open Tuesday through Friday from 10 am to 5 pm, and Saturday 11 am to 3 pm. There is no charge to view this wonderful exhibit!

The Art Center has sponsored this exhibit since the 1960s—come help celebrate our 70th Anniversary in 2018!

Linda Holderbaum Michelle Dunkelberger

Executive Director Assistant to the Executive Director

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