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ArtNow 2022: Brave New Worlds

NUMU's Annual Juried High School Exhibition

Los Gatos, CA -- February 24, 2022 -- New Museum Los Gatos (NUMU) is proud to announce the 11th annual **ArtNow** juried Santa Clara County high school art exhibition. The exhibition and educational program gives high school students, from Palo Alto to Gilroy, the experience of presenting artwork in a professional museum setting and the opportunity to participate in supporting educational and career development programs. **ArtNow 2022: Brave New Worlds will be on view at NUMU from Friday, March 25th through Sunday, May 22nd. 79 works will be on exhibit, with over \$12,000 awarded in 8 categories.** A series of programs including portfolio reviews, art workshops, and an awards ceremony for exhibiting artists, their families and friends will be held during the run of the show.

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Each year a new exhibition theme is selected. Students are invited to respond to the exhibition theme through an original work of art that visually communicates their ideas in their choice of media and subject. Students are responsible for submitting images of their work online for jury review and delivering their artworks ready to hang or for display. There is no application fee to submit artworks to the program. Past exhibition themes include "Perspectives," "Choices," "Dare," and "Good Trouble." The 2022 exhibition theme is "Brave New Worlds":

You are the builders and leaders of tomorrow, and your actions today will shape our future. As we continue to grow from an era of disharmony and disorder as a result of the pandemic, political turmoil, and the environmental crisis, you can be an agent of change. What is your vision of the world to come? Consider what we are growing towards; be bold in your visions of hope, equality, justice, and change.

"Remember to imagine and craft the worlds you can not live without, just as you dismantle the worlds you can not live within." - Ruha Benjamin

"Look closely at the present you are constructing: it should look like the future you are dreaming." - Alice Walker

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After the rigorous submission process is completed, the NUMU curatorial team jury the submissions, select 75-80 works to be exhibited and a panel of university-level art instructors choose the winning pieces of art from 8 categories including Drawing, Painting, Digital Media, Photography, Video/Animation, Printmaking, and Sculpture. A total of \$12,000 in awards and scholarships are given out annually through the program, including the “Mike and Alyce Parsons Best in Show Award” winner who receives a \$5,000 education scholarship. Past award recipients have gone on to study at the Rhode Island School of Design, UC Berkeley, Cal Poly SLO, the Parsons School of Design, and UCLA. The generous program scholarships and awards offer tangible recognition of artistic talent, amplify personal voices of area youths, and encourage students to aspire to achieve higher education.

The ArtNow program has grown in size and scope since its inception in 2012 when it received just over 250 entries from 24 county high schools. This year we received over 580 unique artwork submissions from 38 high schools, of which 79 were selected for display in the exhibition, representing 26 high schools. “We’re so grateful to the youth who submitted their artwork, and the teachers who motivated them,” says Ami Davis, NUMU’s Executive Director. “Everyone should listen to these young artists, who have vital information to share with the world through their artwork. Listen with your hearts to what they are asking adults to do: acknowledge the inequity still prevalent in our world, and be brave in using our voices for change.”

“The ArtNow Program is what made me believe my passion for painting could lead me to a career in the arts. That confidence helped me complete an academic art portfolio and even apply to art schools for college. In the end I decided to pursue my education at UC Berkeley, studying Economic and Fine Arts. My passion for art is something that I will continue to pursue, and never let go.”

- Akshay Thakur, 2019 ArtNow Award Recipient

The ArtNow program is further supported by a series of educational programs developed in partnership with local collaborators including the California College of the Arts (CCA), CASSY, local artists, and Mosaic America. Programs are meant to support and guide high school through the college admissions process and prepare for a career in the arts, and celebrate the ArtNow theme in a meaningful way.



Image 1 Ellie Lin, *Nebulae*, Ink pen, watercolor, acrylic, Grade 11, Los Altos High School, Art Instructor Christine An



Image 2 Mia Bradbury, *The Beginning of the End*, Acrylic and ink on canvas, Grade 11, Los Gatos High School, Art Instructor Mark Yanowsky

Image 3 Catherine Huang, *Our Voice, Our Future*, Acrylic on canvas, duct tape, Grade 12, Leigh High School, Art Instructor Kimberly Bartel

Image 4 Anuhyia Gottam, *Equally Intertwined*, Linocut Print, Grade 9, Valley Christian High School, Art Instructor Karen Dequine



Upcoming Program Dates for ArtNow 2022: Brave New Worlds:

Exhibition Opening - Saturday, March 25

Portfolio Review with California College of the Arts (CCA) - Saturday, April 2

Zine Workshop with Kyle Harter - Saturday, April 9

Art with Heart with Counseling and Support Services for Youth (CASSY) - Saturday, April 30

Brave New Worlds Celebration with Mosaic America - Saturday, May 7

Exhibition Closing - Saturday, May 22

To keep up-to-date with all related programming details, please visit: numulosgatos.org/artnow

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ABOUT NEW MUSEUM LOS GATOS

New Museum Los Gatos (NUMU), formerly The Museums of Los Gatos founded in 1965, is a public non-profit art and history museum. NUMU's mission is to engage the community at the intersection of art, history, and education through innovative, locally connected and globally relevant exhibitions, programs, and experiences.

NUMU is now open for in-person visits.

Open hours:

Thursdays: 3 PM - 8 PM | Fridays - Sundays: 10 AM - 4 PM.

Admission fees:

General: \$10

Seniors, students, veterans (with valid ID): \$6

FREE: essential workers, Los Gatos residents, members, youth under 18 years of age, families of up to 4 (with a current EBT card and valid ID), active-duty military personnel and their families.

Masks are required and social distancing is observed. Vaccination and a booster (post 6-months) is required.

NUMU is located at 106 E. Main Street, Los Gatos, CA 95030 in the Los Gatos Civic Center Plaza.

Visit: <https://www.numulosgatos.org/artnow>

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