

PRESS INQUIRIES

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To Media: We welcome onsite coverage! The exhibition installation, with students and teachers, is all day on Monday, May 8. For interview and photo opportunities, please call Christina Baril at 941-365-2032 or email christina@artsarasota.org.

Art Center Sarasota Presents the
The North County K-12 Spring Art Show
Exhibiting Art from Students at 27 Area Schools
May 9-20

*For hundreds of students in Sarasota County, the Spring Art Show gives them a chance to show their work and compete for big prize money. **Prizes include two \$10,000 scholarships from Ringling College of Art and Design.***

(April 20, 2023) Students from 18 elementary, 7 middle, and 6 high schools throughout Sarasota County will show off their creative talents at the North County K-12 Spring Art Show, May 9-20, at Art Center Sarasota. Nearly 50 teachers are part of the effort.

Debra Markley, Sarasota High School's art department chairperson, and Angela Hartvigsen, the fine arts program specialist for Sarasota County Schools, are leading the coordination. The North County Art show is presented in conjunction with the South County Art Show at the Venice Art Center (May 2-11) to comprise the Sarasota County Schools' Spring Art Show, serving all the county's public schools. **On Tuesday, May 16 and Thursday, May 18, Art Center Sarasota will stay open until 7 p.m. to give**

families an opportunity to view the exhibition. *Art Center Sarasota, 707 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota. For information, visit www.artsarasota.org or call 941-365-2032.*

Christina Baril, Art Center Sarasota's exhibitions director, says "We are thrilled to be hosting the North County Spring Art Show again this year. This annual show has grown to mean so much to ACS and our community, it is truly a gift for us to showcase the spirit and talent of these children and young adults."

High school students will be eligible for several large awards. **Ringling College of Art and Design is awarding two \$10,000 scholarships.** The college is also offering \$395 scholarships to be applied toward teen concentration or pre-college courses at Ringling College.

Other awards include: A \$100 Best in Show prize for a senior from Education Foundation of Sarasota County; two \$300 prizes from Art Center Sarasota; a \$100 prize from Art & Frame Sarasota; a \$200 prize from the Sarasota Art Educators Association; and \$100, \$75, and \$50 awards from Arts Advocates.

The following schools are participating:

Alta Vista Elementary

Ashton Elementary

Bay Haven School

Booker High

Booker Middle

Brentwood Elementary

Brookside Middle

Emma E. Booker Elementary

Fruitville Elementary

Gocio Elementary

Gulf Gate Elementary

Lakeview Elementary
McIntosh Middle
Oak Park School
Phillippi Shores Elementary
Pine View School
Riverview High
Sarasota Academy of the Arts
Sarasota High
Sarasota Middle
Sarasota Military Academy
Sarasota School of Arts & Sciences
Southside Elementary
Suncoast School for Innovative Studies
Tatum Ridge Elementary
Tuttle Elementary
Wilkinson Elementary

About Art Center Sarasota

Founded in 1926, Art Center Sarasota serves as the first and oldest visual arts organization in Sarasota. Art Center Sarasota is admission-free and open to the public; our mission is to bring together creatives and the broader public to increase understanding of our human condition, support wellbeing, and build community connection through the universal language of art.

Art Center Sarasota

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Gallery Hours

Monday-Friday: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Saturday: Noon-5 p.m.