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BCPS Art is for Everyone! virtual exhibition with the Baltimore Museum of Art begins today

Selected artworks to be displayed on billboards throughout the Baltimore metropolitan area

Towson, MD -- The Baltimore Museum of Art is sponsoring the 32nd annual <u>Baltimore County "Art is for</u> <u>Everyone!" exhibit</u>. Typically presented in the museum itself, this year the exhibition, featuring more than 500 artworks by Baltimore County Public Schools students, is offered online beginning today, Tuesday, May 11.

In addition, Best of Show and Spotlighted artworks will appear on billboards around the Baltimore metro area in May and June.

"We are honored to bring you this incredible systemwide collection of artwork created by BCPS K-12 students over this past year," said Sherri Fisher, BCPS coordinator of visual arts. "What a year it has been; students have been making art at home, at school, and everywhere! So, not only is *Art For Everyone*, art is everywhere. We are tremendously proud of our young artists and their teachers. Enjoy this showcase of artistic voice, creativity, and resiliency."

The three works honored as Best in Show will be displayed on the Baltimore Museum of Art digital billboard in May. The billboard is located above Metro Gallery at 1700 N. Charles St., in Baltimore City.

The Best in Show works are:

• "Aisle Two" by **Ciara Galloway**, Grade 12, Patapsco High School and Center for the Arts, teacher: Jessica Powell

- "Barrier" by Jaden Heitzer, Grade 12, Lansdowne High School, teacher: Elizabeth Eckley
- "Untitled" by **Olivia Berkman**, Grade 12, George Washington Carver Center for Arts and Technology, teacher: Theresa Shovlin

In addition, the following Spotlighted works will be displayed on billboards around Baltimore County in late May or June. The billboard locations have yet to be announced.

The Spotlighted works are:

- "Halloween Mixed Media" by Kyle Matthews, Grade 3, Chadwick Elementary School, teacher: Paul Redmond
- "Personal Item Identity Portrait" by **Ryder Taylor**, Grade 5, Carroll Manor Elementary, teacher: Pamela Adkins
- "A Winter Bird" by John Cox, Grade 4, Chase Elementary School, teacher: Farrell Maddox
- 'Balloons to Celebrate? I Think Not..." by **Tahreem Butt**, Grade 8, General John Stricker Middle School, teacher: Bill Ford
- "Extend" by Danica Harrer, Grade 7, Ridgely Middle School, teacher: Caitlin Kambic
- "Playing Cards" by Greer McIntosh, Grade 8, Dumbarton Middle School, teacher: Evan Krantz
- "Battle between Good and Evil" by Kalliyan Winder, Grade 12, Carver Center, teacher: Theresa Shovlin
- "Empty April 2021, Photograph" by **Evan Jerrard**, Grade 10, Chesapeake High School, teacher: Kathy Chenowith
- "Self-Portrait" by Mya James, Grade 10, Randallstown High School, teacher: Shannon Hirsch
- "Fish Bowl" by Chloe Mcfarland, Grade 12, Carver Center, teacher: Sherry Insley
- "Forest" by Lisell de la Rosa, Grade 12, Hereford High, teacher: Daria Souvorova

In addition, "Cells" by **Toluwalade Adeleye**, a Grade 12 student at Eastern Technical High School, (teacher: Becky Meiller McCullagh) was recognized as an honorable mention.

(Editor's note: Accompanying this release are images of the three Best in Show works.)

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