



The Scholastic Art Awards of New Hampshire

A Regional Partner of the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers, Inc

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Dear Participating Students & Educators,

We are looking forward to seeing you and your students at the SAANH Awards Ceremony on Sunday, February 8th at the Stockbridge Theater on the campus of Pinkerton Academy, Derry NH.

There are two ceremonies:

Beginning (January 30) please click on the link to the grade level ceremony below to register for tickets. The tickets are FREE, but registration is required. No ticket is needed to view the exhibition, which is outside the theater. Tickets are for the theater ceremony entrance only. Once in the theater, everyone must take a seat, as no standing is allowed. We will be unable to begin the ceremony until everyone is seated.

Students may request up to 4 tickets, and art educators 2 tickets. We have a limitation of tickets for both events and when the tickets are sold out no more will be available. If you need an additional ticket, please reach out to me to see if there are any available for the ceremony you are seeking.

Ceremony 1 Link for 7-10 Ceremony 10:30am:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/scholastic-art-awards-of-nh-grades-7-10-awards-ceremony-tickets-1979661421603?aff=oddtdtcreator>

Ceremony 2 Link for 11-12 Ceremony 12pm (Noon):

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/scholastic-art-awards-of-nh-grades-11-12-awards-ceremony-tickets-1980274198435?aff=oddtdtcreator>

Ceremony:

- All awardees will come on stage, as a group, by their award level. Honorable Mention and Silver Key students will be instructed to come on stage from left side and will be lined up in rows. Each row will be asked to come forward and bow to receive audience recognition.

In order to move the ceremony along, certificates, Silver Key and Gold Key pins will be available for pick-up in the lobby area just outside the theater entrance. Four areas will be set up. Please seek your awards via your school's name. Students who are eligible will also receive letters of invitation to summer, or post-secondary opportunities from some of our New England colleges. Educators, if you know which students will not be in attendance you can pick up their

certificates and pins after the ceremony. **Picking up your students' certificates ahead of time creates a dilemma when students present try to get them. Please wait until the awards ceremony is over to be certain that the student is not present. No award pins will be handed out on stage this year.**

- We will also be recognizing art educators at each ceremony and ask that you come up on stage at your ceremony to receive a special teacher pin at that time.
- Gold Key students will be invited on stage, as a group, and will introduce themselves, their school, and state their category and award(s).
- During each ceremony we will be presenting some of the major award recognitions - American Vision, Best of Show, Senior Scholarships, special awards, etc. When we invite the student awardees on stage, we would also like to recognize their art educator and present them with a certificate. **If your student is receiving one of these major award recognitions and you are not able to be in attendance, please let me know prior to the ceremony.**
- When the first ceremony is completed, we are asking those in attendance exit the theater using only the side door exits (both sides). This will allow the crowd to enter in through the main front entrance for the second ceremony. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. If you exit on the right side, you will be able to easily access our mini college Fair.

Hold Gold Key & Select Artworks:

- Special select exhibitions will take place at the Currier Museum of Art for Manchester, Nashua, and AV students and at The Institute of Art & Design at New England College's French Building in Manchester for already identified area schools. Please do not take these pieces at check out-leave them in place. A location will be available on the second floor designated for both of these special exhibitions. A flyer will be available at the Ceremony for specific details about the special exhibitions. We will follow up about getting these artworks back to you and your students.
- All Art Educators must hold onto any Gold Key artworks at their school, so that in the event that those works are selected as national Gold Medal award winners they will be easily accessible for shipping to the national exhibit in early April. Only a few original works are usually required to be shipped to NYC. Other works will be printed at the national office and exhibited. Be sure to hold on to the GK works until the March 26th notification of awards.

Mini College Fair:

- Several New England colleges and universities that offer degrees in the arts will be on site at the awards ceremony. Students and families will have the opportunity to learn more about the youth arts programs, summer arts programs, and arts related degree programs offered by these institutions and to talk to representatives from each institution. The representatives will be located on the side hallway. Look for signage to direct you to

this area. Please encourage your students to stop by to learn more and receive some give away items.

- **Educator Reception**

A reception will be held in a second-floor art classroom from 10:30 am-2:00 pm. I encourage teachers needing a place to hang out, to stop in for some light refreshments, to mingle, and relax. We anticipated the exhibition strike time to be close to 2:15 pm and your assistance in helping us take the show down and sort work back by school would be greatly appreciated. The sooner the artwork is taken down and sorted the sooner we can start the check out. Professional Development is available for helping out. Please note that it is extremely important that you pick up artwork on Sunday beginning around 3:30pm, as we are only contracted to have this day for artwork pick-up. All artwork must be picked up and signed out by 4:00 pm.

Take Down and Check Out:

- The second ceremony should end around 1:30pm, which will allow about 30 minutes for parents, students, and other attendees to vacate the theater and exhibit area and have some refreshments. At approximately 2:15pm the Board of Directors and any art educators and student volunteers who are interested in assisting, will strike the show, remove the hanging tape, and sort the artwork by school up on the second-floor hallway. The more help we have, the sooner the checkout process may begin. All 3-D works will remain either on display tables or in cabinets to avoid any unnecessary handling. **If you are interested in assisting with the take down, please email me** so that I can organize our take down team. We use a removable double face tape (REMO) to hang the artwork. If assisting, it is important to note that all the Remo should be removed prior to stacking 2-D works together as any Remo left on the back of works can potentially harm other artworks.
- Checkout is planned to start about 3:30pm from the second floor. We ask that you check out using our checkout binders, so that you are sure to have all your students work. Every year some work gets accidentally miss-sorted and double checking is key to be sure that all your school's work is picked up and belongs to your students. **All work must be picked up by 4:00pm-no exception.**
- Any time prior to check-out, drop-off your portfolios and 3-D packing boxes on the second-floor hallway, near the wall tag of your school's name.
- A special note for Students/Teachers of our two special exhibitions at the Currier and NEC. The check-out binders will indicate that these works should remain in the designated areas for these exhibits. **Please bring the appropriate boxes and packages with student and school name on them for your 3-D artworks** and bring them to the designated location on the second floor.

Thanks for a great program year and congratulations to you and your students' success!

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