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2022 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards' Bronx Artistry Showcase to be Exhibited at the Bronx Documentary Center

Works of Art and Writing from northeastern U.S.-based Students Recognized in the 2022 National Awards Competition, along with a Selection of Works by Bronx-Based Regional Winners, will be on Display at the Bronx Documentary Center Annex

NEW YORK, NY – October 18, 2022 – The nonprofit Alliance for Young Artists & Writers and the Bronx Documentary Center announced today the second annual Bronx Artistry Showcase, on view at the Bronx Documentary Center Annex from November 4 – December 4, 2022. The Bronx Artistry Showcase is a special exhibition, free and open to the public during regular gallery hours, featuring more than 100 works of art and writing by northeastern U.S.-based students who received national recognition in the 2022 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards—the nation’s longest-running and most prestigious scholarship program for creative teens—as well as a selection of works by Bronx-based participants who received regional recognition in the New York City Awards program. Aligned with the focus of the Bronx Documentary Center, the works featured in the exhibition have all received Scholastic Awards recognition in the Photography, Film & Animation, or Journalism categories.

To learn more about the exhibition, and to schedule your upcoming visit to the Annex, visit: <https://artandwriting.nyc/wp-content/2022bdcxhibition/>

On Friday, November 4th, the Bronx Documentary Center Annex will host an opening reception for students, family members, educators and community members. The event is free to attend and open to all, and will feature art-making stations, award-winning student film screenings, exhibition tours, student performances and giveaways.

Michael Kamber, Founder and Executive Director, the Bronx Documentary Center, said, “The Bronx Documentary Center is excited to partner with the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards on their student awards exhibition. The Scholastic Awards have spurred creativity and enormous pride in our students here in the Bronx; over the years these awards have been a springboard and encouraged careers in photography, the arts and journalism.”

Chris Wisniewski, Executive Director, Alliance for Young Artists & Writers, said, “We are thrilled to be continuing our partnership with the Bronx Documentary Center to advance our shared mission of celebrating creative teens. This year’s bold, brilliant works are a terrific representation of the inspiring entries from this year’s Scholastic Awards recipients, and we are eager to showcase them with our partners.”

In the 2021–2022 program year, students from all five boroughs grades 7–12 entered more than 11,000 works in 28 categories to the New York City regional program of the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, representing nearly 300 schools. Nationally, more than 100,000 students submitted over 260,000 works of art and writing to the Awards. Less than 2,000 works received a National Medal, placing National Award recipients within the top 1% of all entries. All works were judged anonymously by accomplished creative and literary professionals based on originality, skill, and emergence of a personal vision or voice.

The New York City Regional Program of the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards is sponsored, in part, by Scholastic Inc., The Maurice R. Robinson Fund, Blick Art Materials, the Dedalus Foundation, the Wolf Kahn Foundation, and by public funds from the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs in partnership with the City Council.

About the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers

The Alliance for Young Artists & Writers, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, identifies teenagers with exceptional creative talent and brings their remarkable work to a national audience through the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards. Founded in 1923, the Awards program is the longest-running, most prestigious initiative of its kind, having fostered the creativity and talent of millions of students through opportunities for recognition, exhibition, publication, and scholarships. artandwriting.org

About the Bronx Documentary Center

The Bronx Documentary Center (BDC) is a non-profit gallery and educational space. Through exhibitions, screenings, and public programming, the BDC shows the work of internationally-renowned and emerging photographers and filmmakers who are dealing with the themes that guide the BDC: justice, education, community-building, and positive social change. The BDC also provides free education programs for middle and high school students as well as professional education workshops for historically underrepresented adult Bronx-based photographers that provide opportunities for professional development and skills training in photojournalism, filmmaking and documentary photography.

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