



16 September 2021

Dear Principals, Art Specialists, and Parents,

With the holiday season swiftly approaching, we are excited to announce this year's *Annual Spiritual & Religious Youth Art Competition*. This exhibition is open to K-10 students living in Utah Valley. We ask for your support in announcing and publicizing this upcoming exhibition. Many schools offer this to students along with similar events such as the PTA Reflections Art Contest and allow students to enter one or both at their parents' discretion.

This year, in efforts to make this an interfaith celebration, we are encouraging students to create artwork that will coincide with themes found in our concurrent exhibition titled *Depictions of Divinity*. The prompts for this year's Youth Art Competition will focus on Divinity and what that means to each student. We encourage students to consider the following prompts when thinking of subject matter:

- *What does "Divine" or "Divinity" mean to you?*
- *When do you feel close to something bigger than yourself?*
- *Where do you see Divinity in yourself? What is your superpower? What superpower would you like?*

The exhibition will be located in the Ingrid Nemelka Gallery on the Main Floor of the Museum from November 20th, 2021 through January 8th, 2022. The Museum will select a number of works to be included in the exhibition. Of those selected for display, a small number will be chosen for cash prizes!

The works will be judged by the SMA Education staff **and are to be original and individually conceived by the students, rather than class projects**. No works will be considered if they contain glitter, candy, glued-on beans, macaroni, or similar material that tend to fall off when handled or invite pests into the Museum.

Teachers and parents may bring entries to the Museum from Thursday, November 4th through Friday, November 5th from 1:00 to 5:00 pm. As a result of the growing



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popularity of this show, we ask each school to limit their entries to no more than 100. Each student is limited to one entry. **It is necessary to fill out and attach the included entry card with each work – clearly listing the artist’s first and last name, home phone number, parent email, grade, school, and teacher’s name and email. The entry cards should be attached to the back of the work. Works without *fully completed* entry cards attached will not be considered for the exhibition.**

A list of accepted works will be posted on smofa.org on November 15th, 2021 by 5:00pm. We will contact each award winner to invite them to an award ceremony Saturday, November 20th. Students in the exhibition who do not receive awards will be invited to join us for an opening reception the same day. ***Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, this event may change. We will be in contact with the students accepted to keep them updated on the event.***

You are also invited to visit the Museum during regular hours throughout December to see the selected works on display. Artwork should be picked up by January 31st, 2022. Art will not be retained after January 2022.

We look forward to working with you on this special project! If you have any questions, please refer to www.smofa.org, email aleak@springville.org, or call 801-491-5713.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Allene Leak".

Allene Leak
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