



SPRINGVILLE MUSEUM OF ART

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Dear Principal and Art Department Representative,

With the holiday season swiftly approaching, we are excited to announce this year's Annual Spiritual & Religious Youth Art Competition. This exhibition, formerly known as the Annual Christmas Lamb Art Show exhibition, sponsored by Ingrid F. Nemelka and the Nemelka family, is open to K-10 students living in Utah Valley. This year, in efforts to make this an interfaith celebration, we are encouraging students to create artwork focused on symbols of the season.

This exhibition will be on view at the Museum in the Ingrid F. Nemelka Gallery from December 2, 2017 through January 6, 2018. 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! Please note: In previous years all works in the exhibition received cash prizes. To allow more art in the show, those selected for awards will receive cash prizes. Most of the exhibited works will not receive a cash prize.

This competition is open to K-10 students living within 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. Works for this show should be of a spiritual theme and reflect the meaningful symbols of the holiday season. We encourage students to consider the following questions when thinking of subject matter:

- How do you celebrate?
- What symbols are meaningful to you during this time of the year?
- What are your favorite family traditions during the season?

The works will be juried by the SMA Education staff. The works 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 bugs into the Museum.

Teachers and parents may bring entries to the Museum from Wednesday, November 1st through Friday, November 3rd, 2017, 10 am to 4 pm. As a result of the growing popularity of this show, we ask each school to limit their entries to no more than 100. Each student is limited to one entry. Please be sure 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 may be attached to the back of the work. Works without completed entry cards attached will not be considered for the exhibition.

A list of accepted works will be posted on smofa.org on November 17, 2017. We will phone each award winner's home to invite them to an award ceremony Saturday, December 2, 2017 at 11:00 am. Students in the exhibition who do not receive awards will receive a personal phone call inviting them to join us for an opening reception the same day from 12-1 pm. 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 31, 2018. Art will not be retained after January 2018.

We look forward to working with you on this special project. If you have any questions, please refer to www.smofa.org or call (801) 489-2727.

Sincerely,

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