



17 September 2020

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 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 *Contemplations: Highlights from the Spiritual and Religious Permanent Collection*. The prompts for this year's Youth Art Competition will focus on mindfulness and peace. We encourage students to consider the following prompts when thinking of subject matter:

- *When and where do you feel the most at peace?*
- *When have you felt inspired or touched by nature?*
- *When have you been mindful of the people and things around you?*
- *Where is your favorite place to go in nature?*

This year only, the exhibition will be located upstairs in the Dee Pioneer Gallery from November 21, 2020 through January 2, 2021. 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! In previous years, all works in the exhibition received cash prizes but in order to allow more art in the show, only those selected for awards will receive cash prizes. **Most of the exhibited works will not receive a cash prize.**

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 bugs into the Museum.



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Teachers and parents may bring entries to the Museum from Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup> through Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020, 1:00 to 5:00 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. **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, home address, 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](http://smofa.org) on November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Due to restrictions in regards to COVID-19, we will not be hosting a reception for the award winners. All participants will receive a certificate by mail. We will be posting a list of the award winners online. We will also be contacting the award winners by phone and deliver their certificate and prize by mail. You are 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, 2021. Art will not be retained after January 2021.

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

Sincerely,

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

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