

VSA, the international organization on arts and disability, was founded more than 35 years ago by Ambassador Jean Kennedy Smith to provide arts and education opportunities for people with disabilities and increase access to the arts for all. With 52 international affiliates and a network of nationwide affiliates, VSA is changing perceptions about people with disabilities around the world. Each year, seven million people of all ages and abilities participate in VSA programs, which cover all artistic disciplines and genres. VSA is an educational affiliate of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. The Kennedy Center Education Department, including VSA and other educational affiliates, is supported by an Arts in Education National Program grant from the Office of Innovation and Improvement.

Featured at the U.S. Department of Education are works from **Arte Postale**, an inclusive international visual arts exchange program from VSA designed for classroom students, ages 7–14, with and without disabilities. The program creates valuable cross-cultural educational experiences by forming relationships between students as they study and communicate about their lives. Students learn to express themselves in artistic ways through this inclusive approach to visual art in the classroom. Their creativity and views of the world develop as cultures. The theme of the exhibit is Snapshot: A Glimpse Through My Lens.

International Education Week celebrates the benefits of understanding the world around us so we can better communicate and collaborate with others from different cultures. It is an ideal opportunity to inspire students to broaden their horizons through global learning, foreign languages and international exchange. This year's theme is International Education: Inspiring Students Locally to Succeed Globally.

The U.S. Department of Education's Student Art Exhibit Program, now in its eighth year under the direction of the Office of Communications and Outreach and the Office of Innovation and Improvement, features visual art created by students in U.S. and international schools. The program provides students and teachers an opportunity to display creative work from the classroom in a highly public place that honors their work as an effective path to learning and knowledge for all. The works also provide Department employees and visitors with both a beautiful environment and the means to be in touch with the Department's principal customers—students.

The program features two exhibits at all times throughout the year: The winners of the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards are exhibited for a year beginning every August, and another exhibit, rotated every two to three months, accommodates the many educators who want to exhibit their students' work. Exhibits are currently booked through 2013. To schedule a visit to the exhibits contact Nicole Carinci at nicole.carinci@ed.gov or at 202-453-5585, and to learn more about the exhibiting opportunity contact Jackye Zimmermann at jacquelyn.zimmermann@ed.gov 202-401-0762.



Snapshot: A Glimpse Through My Lens

An exhibit of works by students from around the world

Art Exhibit Opening and
Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony
With Music Performances and Readings

Wednesday, November 16, 2011
11 a.m.

At the

Lyndon Baines Johnson
Education Building Auditorium
U.S. Department of Education



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Student Artists in the Arte Postale Exhibit

The Asado
Lucas, Age 14
Buenos Aires, Argentina

Building with My Dad
Edwin, Age 11
Sacramento, California

Untitled
Rachael, Age 11
Oxford, Connecticut

The Parasol
Dana, Age 9
Guayaquil, Ecuador

My Family
Sarah, Age 13
Halwan, Egypt

The Great Pyramid
Ahmed, Age 12
Cairo, Egypt

Untitled
Ansley, Age 12
Fort Pierce, Florida

A Snapshot of a Day in Tampa, Florida
Brieanna and Dwayne, Age 13 and Age 9
Tampa, Florida

Sledding on the Sunset!
Marilyn, Age 10
Dalton, Georgia

Untitled
Hin Ling
Hong Kong, China

Family Trip to Zoo
Emily, Age 9
Columbus, Indiana

A Miracle
Kelly, Age 9
South Bend, Indiana

Jordanian Head Cover
Omar, Age 13
Amman, Jordan

Untitled
Kambua, Age 12
Machakos, Kenya

Fetching Water
Jackson, Age 15
Wamunyu, Kenya

Agriculture Centre
Yousef, Age 14
Hawalli, Kuwait

A View from My Window
Ghalia, Age 15
Hawalli, Kuwait

My Sisters' Room
Munira, Age 13
Hawalli, Kuwait

New Orleans
Lauren, Age 14
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

4th of July
Noland, Age 11
Baltimore, Maryland

What I See in My Eye
George, Age 9
Albany, New York

I am Getting Around
New York City
Kevin, Age 10
Bronx, New York

Karate
Samantha, Age 9
Maspeth, New York

Untitled
Gabriel
Managua, Nicaragua

Pot Game
Frances, Age 8
Quezon City, Philippines

Two Basketball Stars
Bouncing the Ball
Having Fun
Da-Zhon, Age 12
Pawtucket, Rhode Island

Traditional Dance
Aya, Age 14
Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Untitled
Udara Maduwantha Peiris, Age 7
Moratuwa, Sri Lanka

The Ruby Slipper
Paulie, Age 12
Knoxville, Tennessee

My Band
Neel, Age 10
Norfolk, Virginia

Performers

Jake Hitzges, Age 15, Soloist, Broad Run High School
Lily Bonnie, Age 16, Vocals, Foxcroft School
Dalton Cashin, Age 15, Vocals, Freedom High School
Sam Debold, Age 14, Vocals, Luther Jackson Middle School
Maisie Eastman, Age 12, Vocals, Harmony Middle School
Carly Machlan, Age 17, Vocals, Loudoun County High School
James Small, Age 14, Vocals, Holy Trinity Cooperative Homeschooling Program
Amy Stone, Age 16, Vocals, Broad Run High School
Angelle Cook, Staff member, *A Place to Be*
"Someone Big" Tom Sweitzer, Keyboard
VSA Loudoun County and director of *A Place to Be*, Middleburg, Va.

Program

Classical Welcome

Sam Debold, Age 14, Keyboard
Luther Jackson Middle School
"Knecht Ruprecht, Op. 68 no. 12"
Robert Schumann

Sam Debold, Saxophone
"Fly Me to the Moon"
Bart Howard

Welcome

Maureen McLaughlin
Director
Office of International Affairs

Remarks and Performances

Alexa Posny
Assistant Secretary
Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

James Small, Age 14
Holy Trinity Cooperative Homeschooling Program
"Fitting In," "Art," and "Different"

Betty Siegel
Director
VSA and Accessibility Department
The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts

Maris Hawkins
Spanish teacher
Bullis School, Potomac, Md.

Amy Stone, Age 16
Broad Run High School
"Why the Arts?"

Elisabeth Gambino
Art teacher
Academy for College and Career Exploration,
Baltimore, Md.

Call to Ribbon-cutting Ceremony

Formal Ribbon-cutting Ceremony

Exhibit Viewing