



The U.S. Department of Education's Student Art Exhibit Program, now in its tenth 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. schools and around the world. 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. To schedule a visit to the exhibits or to learn more about the exhibiting opportunity contact Jackye Zimmermann by phone at 202-401-0762 or email at Jacquelyn.Zimmermann@ed.gov.



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National Opera and VSA), offers inclusive educational performances and programs in the arts to people of all ages. The educational resources focus on producing and presenting performances and educational events for young people and their families; school- and community-based residencies and other programs that directly impact teachers, students, administrators, and artists through professional development; systemic and school improvement through the arts and arts integrated curricula; partnerships; creating and providing educational materials via print and the Internet; developing careers in the arts for young people and aspiring professionals; and strengthening the management of arts organizations. <http://www.kennedy-center.org/education/>



VSA is dedicated to creating a society in which people with disabilities of all ages learn through, participate in and enjoy the arts. Founded in 1974 by Ambassador Jean Kennedy Smith, VSA offers numerous arts, education and pre-professional opportunities for children, youth and young adults living with disabilities from the VSA International Young Soloists Competition to VSA's Playwright Discovery program; and it provides intensive professional learning opportunities for arts teachers, teaching artists and special educators working with students with disabilities through the VSA Intersections: Arts and Special Education conference and through an extensive network of affiliates and colleagues across the U.S. and around the world. VSA is an affiliate of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. <http://www.kennedy-center.org/education/vsa/>

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: Learning Matters Around the World.



VSA International Art Program for Children with Disabilities

YO SOY... JE SUIS... أنا ... I AM... ICH BIN... 我是... 

In Celebration of International Education Week

VSA and the U.S. Department of Education's
Student Art Exhibit Program
present

The 2013 VSA International Art Exhibit
Yo Soy... Je Suis... I Am... My Family
Opening Reception and Ribbon Cutting

Tuesday, November 19, 2013
11 a.m.

Barnard Auditorium
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20202



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Student Artists in the 2013 VSA International Art Exhibit:

Yo Soy... Je Suis... I Am ... My Family

On view at the U.S. Department of Education

Adriana, 12 La France, South Carolina	Ezekiel, 16 London, United Kingdom	Muneer Adam, 11 Makkah, Saudi Arabia	Seth, 12 Lansing, Michigan
Brittany, 16 Lenoir, North Carolina	James, 13 Stamford, Connecticut	Olivia, 11 Phoenix, Arizona	Sohan, 7 Nairobi, Kenya
Deonte, 15 Baton Rouge, Louisiana	Kaido-Kalvy, 16 Sven-Silver, 18 Sten-Kevin, 11 Võru, Estonia	Onur, 9 Vienna, Austria	Tyler, 13 Pataskala, Ohio
Esraa saeed, 13 Cairo, Egypt	Katerina, 15 Sioux Falls, South Dakota	Roman, 8 Omaha, Nebraska	Verna, 13 Castries, St. Lucia
Evan, 12 Hodgenville, Kentucky		Samantha, 16 Singapore, Singapore	Žygimantas, 17 Joniškis, Lithuania

On view at the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library

Aaron, 16 Rockaway Beach, New York	Connor, 11 Coldwater, Mississippi	Kevin, 15 Kristjan, 11 Võru, Estonia	Reontre, 12 Omaha, Nebraska
Abdulrahman, 16 Jeddah, Saudi Arabia	Dionna, 14 Clearwater, Florida	Khushi, 13 Nairobi, Kenya	Robin, 10 Vienna, Austria
Ahmed Amr Abdel, 18 Cairo, Egypt	Elliott, 13 Laredo, Texas	Louise, 16 London, United Kingdom	Sam, 11 Singapore, Singapore
Alex, 13 Lansing, Michigan	Emmanuel, 13 Clearwater, Florida	Marquise, 12 Baltimore, Maryland	Sarah, 13 Chanhassen, Minnesota
Ali, 8 Jeddah, Saudi Arabia	Gediminas, 16 Alytus, Lithuania	Megan, 17 Morgan Town, Kentucky	Shamara, 16 Lenoir, North Carolina
Angel, 17 Tallahassee, Florida	Hope, 18 Gallatin, Tennessee	Miguel, 8 Washington, DC	Silvia, 18 New York, New York
Asser Ahmed, 10 Cairo, Egypt	Indrek, 15 Võru, Estonia	Mohamed Abdel, 10 Cairo Egypt Monish, 15 Singapore, Singapore	Stefan, 10 Vienna, Austria
Austin, 10 La France, South Carolina	Jermaine, 14 Castries, St. Lucia	Na'eem, 15 Castries, St. Lucia	Sten-Kevin, 11 Võru, Estonia
Beatrice, 10 Vienna, Austria	Jessica, 12 Katy, Texas	Neville, 14 Castries, St. Lucia	Sultan Mohammed, 14 Makkah, Saudi Arabia
Billy, 12 Baltimore, Maryland	Joi, 9 Baltimore, Maryland	Omr Ehab, 17 Cairo, Egypt	Tajus, 6 Panevėžys, Lithuania
Casey, 18 Sioux Falls, South Dakota	Jose Marty, 13 Singapore, Singapore	Paige, 11 Baltimore, Maryland	Trevor, 16 Oviedo, Florida
Celina, 18 New York, New York	Kevin, 13 Castries, St. Lucia	Qi Han, 14 Singapore, Singapore	Trevor Joshua, 13 Singapore, Singapore
Clare, 10 Indianapolis, Indiana	Kevin, 13 Võru, Estonia		Vitalijus, 12 Taurage, Lithuania

REMARKS

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Marquise Griffin

Student in Baltimore, MD
Accompanied by his mother, Swantiner Griffin

Gregory Burns

Artist and Educator, VSA Singapore

Colette Young

Graduate Student at Columbia University
2013 VSA International Young Soloists Competition Winner

PERFORMANCE

VSA International Young Soloists Competition Winners

Blessing Offor, keyboard and vocals (2010)

Singer/Songwriter

and

Paul E. Gavin, drums (2013)

Student at University of South Florida

RIBBON CUTTING

EXHIBIT VIEWING

(Refreshments provided.)