

VSA, an affiliate of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, 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 a network of national and international affiliates, VSA is providing arts and education programming for youth with disabilities around the world. 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.

International Education Week is an opportunity to celebrate the benefits of international education and exchange worldwide. This joint initiative of the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education is part of our efforts to promote programs that prepare Americans for a global environment and attract future leaders from abroad to study, learn, and exchange experiences in the United States.

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



Self Portrait, TaShawn



Self Portrait, Anurudhda

Yo Soy, Je Suis, I Am

An exhibit of works by students from around the world



Self Portrait, Alyn

**Art Exhibit Opening and
Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony**

**with Music Performances and
Readings**

**Celebrating International
Education Week 2012**



**At the Lyndon Baines
Johnson Education
Building Auditorium**

**U.S. Department of
Education**

**Wednesday,
November 14, 2012**

11 a.m.

Presented by
**U.S Department of
Education's Office of
Communications and
Outreach and Office of
Innovation and Improvement**

**and VSA and Accessibility of
the John F. Kennedy Center
for the Performing Arts**



Student Artists in the Yo Soy, Je Suis, I Am Exhibit

Benjamin in the Future
Benjamin, Age 12
Perth, Australia

Waltraud in the Future
Waltraud, Age 8
Vienna, Austria

My Self Portrait
Mikael, Age 11
Atwater, California

Self Portrait as Carpenter
Mamoud, Age 18
Cairo, Egypt

Self Portrait as Superhero
Joey, Age 9
Dunedin, Florida

Self Portrait as Guitarist
Kishan, Age 13
Nairobi, Kenya

Self Portrait
Codie, Age 8
Hyattsville, Maryland

Self Portrait at Night
Belle, Age 10
Rosemount,
Minnesota

*Self Portrait Ready for
Karate*
TaShawn, Age 8
Egg Harbor City,
New Jersey

Self Portrait
Crystal, Age 17
Hicksville, New York

*Self Portrait with My
Friends*

Alyn, Age 10
Panama City, Panama

*Na'eem as a Professional
Footballer*
Na'eem, Age 14
Castries, Saint Lucia

Self Portrait
Khuloud, Age 16
Jeddah, Saudi Arabia

Self Portrait as an Artist
Chin Jie, Age 13
Singapore, Singapore

Self Portrait
Kaitlin, Age 13
Greenville, South Carolina

Self Portrait
Anurudhdha, Age 18
Ella, Sri Lanka

I Hope to be a Designer
Neema Ismael, Age 12
Sharjah, United Arab
Emirates

*Self Portrait Playing
Basketball*
Caleb, Age 17
Mechanicsville, Virginia

I Love Animals
Casey, Age 13
Wheeling, West
Virginia

Self Portrait
Brody, Age 8
Beloit, Wisconsin

Program

Welcome

Maureen McLaughlin
Senior Advisor to the Secretary and Director of International Affairs
U.S. Department of Education

Remarks and Performances:

Amy Stone, age 17
Part of My World from Little Mermaid

Tom Sweitzer
Director and Music Therapist, A Place to Be, Virginia

James Small, age 15
Poem

Kyle Boardman, age 16

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

Cameron Friedrich, age 8
Brendan Friedrich, age 11
It's a Small World After All

Call to Ribbon-cutting Ceremony

Formal Ribbon-cutting Ceremony

Exhibit Viewing