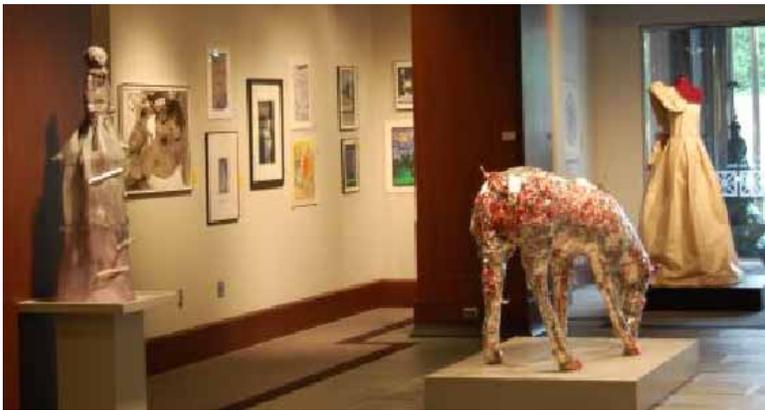


# Alabama Artists Gallery

## Visual Arts Achievement Program 2010

AWARD-WINNING STUDENT WORK ON EXHIBIT

**March 20 - April 30, 2010**



In recognition of outstanding achievement in visual arts, middle and senior high school students from across Alabama will be honored at the Alabama State Council on the Arts' Visual Arts Achievement Program Awards Ceremony on Friday, April 30. The ceremony honoring these young artists will be held in the auditorium of the State Capitol from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m., with a reception immediately following at the Alabama Artists Gallery, located at 201 Monroe Street. The Alabama Artists Gallery is situated within the lobby of the Alabama State Council on the Arts.

This Visual Arts Achievement program, which is in its twenty-fourth year, provides an opportunity for talented middle and high school students in Alabama to receive local and state recognition for their achievements in visual arts. It is designed to showcase the quality art being created by Alabama's students enrolled in both public and private school systems.

During the awards ceremony, students, their parents, guests, and teachers will have an opportunity to hear Ted Metz, a professor of sculpture and one of the senior members of the Montevallo Art Department share insights on visual arts. Metz has exhibited widely and has completed several large-scale public sculptures, including "Becoming" the Montevallo campus sculpture. Metz has received numerous exhibition awards. He received an Individual Artist Fellowship awarded by the Alabama State Council on the Arts. As an educator he received the Montevallo University Scholar Award, the Outstanding Commitment to Teaching Award, and two Distinguished Teacher of the Year awards.

For the Visual Arts Achievement Awards, the state is divided into six districts. The participating art teachers within the districts selected the most creative and technically executed work done in their classrooms. These pieces were submitted for the district competition. Works selected at the district level are currently displayed for the month of April at the Alabama Artists Gallery, located in the lobby of the Alabama State Council on the Arts. Selected professionals juried all district winners in order to select a group of state winners. Medallions and gift certificates will be presented to students whose works are designated "Best of Show," and "Best" in each category, and "Best of each District." Additionally, an annual award will be given to an exemplary art teacher and school system that encourages and supports young artists. All district winners will also receive certificates.

Additionally, the State Arts Council's Visual Arts Achievement Awards provide an opportunity for twelfth grade students who have excelled in visual arts to receive financial assistance in the form of scholarships.

*The Alabama State Council on the Arts is proud to showcase the work of Alabama artists in its Montgomery gallery in the RSA Tower. Hours are Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.*

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