Art students show their latest stuff

Fred Jones Jr.
Museum of Art —
The 80th Annual Art Students' Exhibition is holding an awards ceremony tonight.

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Art students will be showing their work in the 80th Annual Art Students' Exhibition currently being held at the Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art.

All art students currently enrolled were eligible to enter their work for the exhibition. A total of 90 works were selected including paintings, drawings, printmaking, photography, ceramics, mixed media, video and visual communications.

Juror Alyson Blair Stanfield, Curator of Art at the Oklahoma City Art Museum, selected the 90 works that were created by 51 students.

Stanfield said she was very satisfied with the exhibits and chose works that called attention to craftsmanship.

"I am happy to say that, as a native Oklahoman, I was not surprised but was very pleased with the work submitted to the 80th Annual Art Students Exhibition," Stanfield said.

"The works I have selected demonstrate, above all, attention to craftsmanship — something that is forgotten, but which goes hand-in-hand with the 'best' in any medium," Stanfield said.

"This is particularly true with the award winners."

The awards, which were also selected by Stanfield, will be given at a reception from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday.

The awards being received will be two TG Mays Purchase Awards, three Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art Awards, the Campus Art Supply Award and the Red Clay Faction Award.

A newly established cash award will also be presented to two outstanding student works.

The winners of the TG Mays Purchase Awards, one of the biggest awards, will be purchased and displayed in the Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art.

Jim Deighton, assistant director of the museum, said the displays this year had good photography and lots of color.

"This was a good year," he said. "It was (calmer) and (there was) not so much protest. I don't think we had as many socially conscious protestors this year."

The exhibition is the third one Stanfield has judged.

She has also judged the IAO Mixed Media Show and the OU Art School Alumni Show.

Stanfield said the exhibition is a good showcase for the art students.

The reception on Thursday is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be provided by Bergen Enterprises and the Pepsi Cola Company.

The exhibition will run through April 3 in the Fred Jones Museum of Art.

It is open from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursdays and Saturdays and from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sundays.

Admission is free.

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