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The Best 100 Recognize the Top 20

Saint Paul Jaycees celebrate the artistic talents in metro area high schools

SAINT PAUL, Minn.— The top 20 artists featured in the 45th Annual Les Farrington Best 100 Art Show were honored at a reception last night at the College of Visual Arts' Orbit Gallery. During the awards ceremony, the following awards were given :

Senior Portfolio Award

- John Gordon, 12, Stillwater Area High School
- Aaron Reeves, 12, Mahtomedi High School

Senior Portfolio Honorable Mention

- Caroline Campbell, 12, Henry Sibley High School
- Julia Hunter, 12, Cretin-Derham High School
- Siri Larson, 12, St. Paul Central High School
- Josh Schirmer, 12, Roseville Area High School

Junior/Senior Scholarship Award

- Margarita Berg Matveyeva, 12, St. Paul Central High School
- Holly Overgaard, 11, Apple Valley High School
- Travis Quick, 11, Roseville Area High School
- Johanna Winters, 11, Roseville Area High School

Jurors Award

- Kyla Anderson, 12, Harding High School
- Chris Crammer, 10, Roseville Area High School
- Bee Vang, 12, Harding High School

Merit Award, Ceramic

- Wendy Mironov, 11, Highland Park High School

Merit Award, Jewelry

- Suzanna Schlesinger, 12, Stillwater Area High School

Merit Award, Photography

- Nina Ziebarth-Pavolovich, 12, St. Paul Central High School

Merit Award, Painting

- Kevin Devine, 12, Creative Arts School

Merit Award, Drawing

- Ben Barclay, 12, Como Park High School
- Matt Ebent, 10, Apple Valley High School
- Marissa Stanley, 10, Apple Valley High School

A panel of three jurors selected the winners. Curt Pederson, currently the Curator of Exhibits and Collections at the American Swedish Institute and Director at the Creative Arts Building of the Minnesota State Fair, also judged the past two Best 100 Exhibitions. Nathan Meyer, a commissioned designer currently working on a granite memorial for the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration, offered his expertise to the Best 100 for the first time this year. Mary Esch, a former Best 100 exhibitor, has shown at the Walker Art Center and teaches drawing for Adult Community Education.

The 45th Annual Les Farrington Best 100 Art Show opens Tuesday, April 3, and runs through Tuesday, April 17. Exhibit hours are Tuesdays and Wednesdays 12-5 pm, Thursdays – Saturdays 12-8 pm, Sundays 10 am – 2 pm.

About the Saint Paul Jaycees

The Jaycee organization offers its members opportunities to serve their community, establish rewarding friendships, and create professional contacts. The Saint Paul chapter Minnesota's largest, with more than 200 members, and ranks among the top 15 chapters in the country. Saint Paul and surrounding communities benefit from 120 Jaycee-run projects each year.

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