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Mississippi Museum of Art Hosts Student Art Exhibition

The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards of 2011
Mississippi Regional Competition

(Jackson, Miss...) The Mississippi Museum of Art, in partnership with The Eudora Welty Foundation, is pleased to recognize winning students from The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards of 2011 Mississippi Regional Competition. Works by the visual art award recipients are currently on view in the Museum's public corridor as part of *The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards of 2011 Mississippi Regional Competition* exhibition. The installation is on view through April 15, 2012.

Chosen from more than 1,600 submissions across the state, 510 works of art and 164 works of writing received Honorable Mention, Silver Key, or Gold Key awards. Entries receiving Gold Key awards will be sent to New York City where they will contend in the national competition among 80 other regions.

Of the 2011 competition, Museum Director Betsy Bradley said: "The artwork produced by this year's awards recipients is exceptionally creative and thought provoking. It serves as a testament to the dedication of art teachers

across Mississippi who guide, support, and encourage our students on a daily basis.”

All winning Mississippi Regional Competition artists and writers will be recognized at an open house and awards ceremony on Sunday, April 15, 2012. The open house will take place at the Museum at 12:30 PM followed by the awards ceremony at 2:00 PM at the Jackson Convention Complex.

Established in 1923 by M.R. Robinson, who also founded Scholastic, Inc., The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards are open to students in grades 7-12, recognizing outstanding achievement in the visual and literary arts. The Alliance for Young Artists & Writers, Inc. is the non-profit organization that administers the event. Located in New York City, the Alliance oversees all national judging. The Mississippi Museum of Art hosts the art competition each year, and The Eudora Welty House, a museum of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History, in conjunction with the Eudora Welty Foundation, hosts the writing competition in Mississippi.

Students from middle, junior high, and senior high schools across the state participated in this year’s competition. Artwork entries represented a wide variety of categories, including painting, drawing, mixed media, photography, sculpture, graphic design, animation, textile fiber design, as well as art and photography portfolios, which were judged by a panel of judges over a course of two days.

Writing entries also represented diverse categories, including dramatic script, humor, journalism, personal essay/memoir, short story, flash fiction,

poetry, science fiction/fantasy, as well as senior portfolios. This year's writing competition is sponsored by The C-Spire Foundation.

Museum hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10 AM to 5 PM and Sunday, noon to 5 PM. The Museum is closed Monday. For more information about the Mississippi Museum of Art's exhibitions, programs, and special events, please call 601-960-1515 or 1-866-VIEW ART (843-9278), or visit www.msmuseumart.org.

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