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## Mississippi Museum of Art To Honor State's Outstanding Student Artists

**(Jackson, Miss.). . .** The Mississippi Museum of Art will recognize 680 of Mississippi's stellar art students at The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards of 2010 Mississippi Regional Competition awards ceremony Sunday, April 18, at the Jackson Convention Complex. The ceremony begins at 2:00 p.m. and will be followed by a reception at the Museum. Both events are free and open to the public.

This year's recipients include 193 Gold Keys, 182 Silver Keys, and 305 Honorable Mentions. The 193 entries receiving Gold Key awards have been sent to New York City where they will contend in the national competition with 80 other regions.

Several thousand entries in 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 were judged by a panel of judges over a course of two days.

Five of the 193 Gold Key recipients will be presented American Visions Award nominations as best in show of the regional competition. This year's recipients are Ashley Lynchard of Clinton High School, Zack Ingram and Jaqueline O'Neal of Mississippi School of the Arts, Zack Hooper of Northwest Rankin High School, and Kierra Jimerson of Olde Towne Middle School.

This year's Mississippi Regional Competition and awards ceremony are sponsored by Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP and The Walker Foundation in partnership with The Eudora Welty Foundation.

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 arts. The Alliance for Young Artists & Writers, Inc. is the non-profit organization that administers the program. Located in New York City, the

Alliance oversees all national judging. The Mississippi Museum of Art hosts the Mississippi Regional Competition each year.

For more information about The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards of 2010 Mississippi Regional Competition, contact the Museum at 601-960-1515 or VIEW ART (843-9278), or visit the web at [www.museumart.org](http://www.museumart.org).

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