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# The Autry Museum of the American West Hosts Its Eighth Annual Student Visual Arts Exhibition

The Student Visual Arts Exhibition features artwork from over 100 middle and high school students across the southwest in a juried competition at the Autry Museum.



The Student Visual Arts Exhibition is held annually at the Autry Museum of the American West to highlight student artists' work. (Dahlia Kim Levy / Las Fotos Project)

(March 12, 2024 - Los Angeles, CA)—The Autry Museum of the American West presents the <u>Students Visual Arts Exhibition</u>, a juried exhibition for middle and high school students' artworks. The theme for the eighth annual Student Visual Arts Exhibition is *Visions of Freedom*.

For centuries, the American West has offered opportunities for freedom. Millions of people have looked to the American West as a place where they could secure freedoms not offered elsewhere. The Student Visual Arts Exhibition calls on the students of the American West to share their visions of freedom.

Sarah Wilson, the Director of Education at the Autry, says, "The Student Visual Art Exhibition is a platform for students across southern California—and beyond—to share their incredible artistic talents as well as the issues they want to talk about. The art created by the students is always thought-provoking, original and reflective of what is currently on the minds of young people."



The eighth annual Student Visual Arts Exhibition's theme is "Visions of Freedom" and challenges students to show their ideas on what freedom means to them. (Meadows Stevens / Las Fotos Project)

On Saturday, April 20, 2024, the opening reception and awards ceremony for the artists and the public is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Autry has also hired student DJs and photographers for the event.

Selected artwork will be on view through June 5, 2024, at the Autry Museum of the American West.

For more information, please visit theAutry.org/Exhibitions.

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#### About the Autry Museum of the American West

The Autry is a museum dedicated to exploring and sharing the stories, experiences and perceptions of the diverse peoples of the American West, connecting the past to the present to inspire our shared future. The museum presents a wide range of exhibitions and public programs—including lectures, film, theatre, festivals, family events and music—and performs scholarship, research and educational outreach. The Autry's collection of more than 600,000 pieces of art and cultural objects includes one of the largest and most significant of Native American materials in the United States. For more information, please visit <u>TheAutry.org</u>.

The Autry Museum of American West acknowledges the <u>Gabrielino/Tongva</u> peoples as the traditional land caretakers of Tovaangar (the Los Angeles basin and So. Channel Islands). We recognize that the Autry Museum and its campuses are located on the traditional lands of Gabrielino/Tongva peoples and we pay our respects to the Honuukvetam (Ancestors), 'Ahiihirom (Elders) and 'Eyoohiinkem (our relatives/relations) past, present and emerging.

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### **Museum and Store Hours**

Tuesday–Friday 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Saturday–Sunday 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

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