

# Press Release

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## Spring into Art with the Museum's annual Youth Art Month



**Huntsville, AL** – It's that time of year again! Once again the Museum heads full swing into celebrating one of the most important exhibitions: Youth Art Month. This year marks the 23rd annual *Youth Art Month (YAM)* exhibition of student artwork on view in the Grisham Gallery. This exhibition showcases nearly 200 exuberant works of art by youth in kindergarten through grade 12 from Huntsville City, Madison City, Madison County, Athens City, Limestone County, Decatur City, and Scottsboro City schools. These fantastic works of art will be on view March 7 through May 2, 2010.

The *Congressional Art Competition* and *Visual Arts Achievement Program* (VAA on view March 7-14) exhibitions complement the student artwork this year. *Youth Art Month* is observed nationally each March to emphasize the value of art education for children and to encourage public support for quality school art programs.

Join us as we celebrate the talents of North Alabama's young artists, with a reception honoring the students whose works are on display on Sunday, March 7 from 1:00-4:00 pm. Special guests include Mayor Tommy Battle and Congressman Parker Griffith. As part of the Museum's Community Free Day program, admission fees will be waived to all visitors that day. Music provided by Strings of Pearl Chamber Ensemble from 2:00-2:45 pm.

From 2:00-4:00pm, visitors can learn about a variety of different art techniques as artists work in their selected mediums in the galleries! Demonstrations will include Robert Bean (oil painting), Anna Sue Courtney (puppetry arts), S. Renee Prasil (acrylic painting) and Linda Ruhl (pastel painting).

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