



CELEBRATING FIFTEEN YEARS

15  
Long Island's  
*Best* Young Artists '11  
at The Heckscher Museum

April 9 – May 1, 2011

A prestigious juried exhibition featuring 78 works of art created by Long Island high school students, inspired by works shown in The Heckscher Museum of Art during the 2010-2011 school year.

*Opening Reception and Awards Ceremony*

Saturday, April 9, 2011 | 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Awards Ceremony at 4:00 pm

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Also on view April 9 – April 24: *Celebrating 15 Years*  
Select award-winning artwork from past *Long Island's Best Exhibitions*

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This exhibition features work by art students in grades 9 through 12 from public and private schools throughout Nassau and Suffolk Counties. Developed by museum educators, who work in partnership with art instructors from participating schools, this is the only juried exhibition on Long Island that offers high school students the opportunity to show their art in an art museum.

This comprehensive arts-in-education program integrates experiences in The Heckscher Museum and the art classroom, culminating with the presentation of students' original works juried by a museum professional.

Through close observation, discussion and hands-on activities, students learn to make connections between artwork on view in the Museum and their own creative experiences. Visual Thinking Strategies are utilized to develop students' visual literacy, written and oral communication skills, while encouraging them to explore their own artistic voices. Students select at least one work of art on view to "inspire" an original work of art that is in turn submitted for jurying.

This year, 83 art teachers from public and private schools in Nassau and Suffolk Counties submitted students' work for *Long Island's Best*. More than 300 student entries were received and Lisa Chalif, Curator of Exhibitions and Collections, selected 78 for display in the galleries.

An artist statement, written by each student to explain his or her thought process and artistic journey from conception to completion, accompanies each work of art. Object labels also include an image of the work of art selected for inspiration. Congratulations to all the participants in this year's *Long Island's Best* for their dedication, creativity and talent!

### Get involved in this juried exhibition next year!

Call 631.351.3214 and speak with your art teacher.

All participating students must register through their schools.

*Long Island's Best* has been a defining experience with lasting impact for its many young exhibiting artists. Over the past fifteen years, this program has grown to become a prestigious opportunity for high school art students. The installation *Celebrating 15 Years* reflects back on this history, featuring award-winning works of art from past *Long Island's Best* exhibitions.

Each work of art in this installation is accompanied by an artist statement describing the work of art, his or her experience with *Long Island's Best*, and accomplishments in years since. These first-hand accounts demonstrate the invaluable role *Long Island's Best* has played, and continues to play, in young peoples' lives.

#### Exhibiting Artist

Irene Kang  
Stephanie Shieh  
Andrew Brischler  
Kaitlyn Hay  
Edith Park  
Elizabeth Latten  
Joseph Sopp  
Blair Rohan  
Olivia Fonti  
Brandon Hardy  
Samantha Hofsis  
Catherine Strein  
Christine Tabag  
Zach Teplin  
Erin Boyle  
Lisa Senay  
Sabrina Smith  
Lukas Bentel  
Monica Defonseca  
Frank Notarbartolo  
Amanda Garelick &  
Victoria Pirulli

#### Work on view

*Shadow of the Soul*, 2004  
*Untitled*, 2004  
*Reminds You of Their Eternity*, 2005  
*Metastases*, 2005  
*The Egan*, 2005  
*Mapped by Leaves*, 2006  
*Flirting with Death*, 2006  
*Family Dinner*, 2007  
*The Queen*, 2008  
*American Goths*, 2008  
*Stimulus to the Epoch*, 2008  
*Reality to the Drawn World*, 2008  
*Creatively Bound*, 2008  
*The Treachery of Existence*, 2008  
*A Cyclic Pattern*, 2009  
*Rape of Resources*, 2009  
*The Piano Man*, 2009  
*Mid-Song*, 2010  
*Innovación Constructivism*, 2010  
*Blues in the Parlor*, 2010  
*One in a Dozen*, 2010

## Long Island's Best Exhibiting Artists 2011

**Hannah Ahn**, Lawrence Woodmere Academy  
**Stefani Akner**, Hicksville HS  
**Kayla Altoonian**, Hicksville HS  
**Melissa Andrews**, West Islip HS  
**Dean Baram**, Half Hollow Hills HS East  
**Michela Bentel**, Long Island Academy of Fine Art  
**Georgina Berbari**, Harborfields HS  
**Kelcie Birsner**, Lindenhurst HS  
**Jamie Blistein**, Oceanside HS - *Honorable Mention*  
**James Blotiau**, Amityville Memorial HS  
**Nicolas Bruno**, Northport HS - *Allan H. Altman Achievement in Photography*  
**Erin Byrnes**, MacArthur HS  
**Kimberly Cain**, Half Hollow Hills HS East  
**Nicole Chester**, Hicksville HS  
**Saleha Chowdhury**, Hicksville HS  
**Jennifer Chun**, Herricks HS  
**Evan Cirino**, Cold Spring Harbor HS  
**Nicole Codi**, Wantagh HS - *Honorable Mention*  
**Alexander Crom**, Cold Spring Harbor HS  
- *Donald & Gloria Horn Young Artist Achievement Award*  
**Scott Davidson**, Sayville HS - *Renzo S. Bianchi Scholarship Award*  
**Nicole Dodillet**, Cold Spring Harbor HS  
**Kirsten Donovan**, Long Beach HS  
**Rachel Fauth**, Kings Park HS  
**Sarah Frohn**, Lindenhurst HS - *Renzo S. Bianchi Scholarship Award*  
**Blaine Garde**, Long Beach HS  
**Nelly Gordpour**, Roslyn HS  
**Isabel Hanson**, Cold Spring Harbor HS  
**Stephanie Hart**, Wantagh HS  
**Cindy Hassan**, Jericho HS  
**Nicole Hein**, MacArthur HS  
**Brandon Hendrick**, St. John the Baptist Diocesan HS  
**Nataliya Hines**, Jericho HS  
**Alyssa Hu**, MacArthur HS  
**Tanya Jain**, Half Hollow Hills HS West - *Renzo S. Bianchi Scholarship Award*  
**Tina Kang**, Valley Stream South HS  
**Jeremy Katz**, Hicksville HS  
**Seoyoung (Selena) Kim**, Jericho HS - *Honorable Mention*  
**Adrian Kim**, Plainview-Old Bethpage JFK HS - *Honorable Mention*  
**Danielle Kraus**, Walt Whitman HS - *Renzo S. Bianchi Scholarship Award*  
**Jenna Krug**, Garden City HS  
**Jenna Krypell**, Jericho HS

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**Julia Lebedeva**, Valley Stream North HS - *Krasowitz Digital Portfolio Award*  
**Blandine Legrand**, Amityville Memorial HS  
**Joseph Liu**, Jericho HS  
**Kenny Luzzi**, Valley Stream South HS - *Honorable Mention*  
**Lexi Martone**, Half Hollow Hills HS West  
**John McDonald**, Long Island HS for the Arts  
**Tyler Moore**, Huntington HS  
**Roxana Moreira**, Huntington HS - *Honorable Mention*  
**Isabella Muratore**, Portledge School  
**Alexandra Napoli**, Cold Spring Harbor HS - *Renzo S. Bianchi Scholarship Award*  
**Cara Pascarella**, Half Hollow Hills HS East  
**Kayla Peers**, Long Beach HS  
**Alexandra Puleo**, Half Hollow Hills HS West - *3rd Place*  
**Giovanna Raffa**, Long Beach HS - *Donald G. Horn, Jr. Achievement in 3-D Design*  
**Brianna Reddan**, Long Beach HS  
**Sammi Rescigno**, MacArthur HS  
**Nicole Ripka**, Jericho HS  
**Alexa Rosen**, Plainview-Old Bethpage JFK HS  
**Maria Rubio**, Ross HS - *Renzo S. Bianchi Scholarship Award*  
**Madeline Santulli**, Our Lady of Mercy Academy  
**Michele Schablin**, Wantagh HS  
**Leanne Schmadtke**, West Islip HS - *Lee Widrow Achievement in Pastel*  
**Cara Schrank**, Plainview-Old Bethpage JFK HS  
**Jana Schwartz**, Jericho HS  
**Sami Sheinwald**, Plainview-Old Bethpage JFK HS  
**Kerry Sheridan**, Cold Spring Harbor HS - *Honorable Mention*  
**Stephanie Shisko**, Division Avenue HS - *Best in Show*  
**Giana Sini**, Division Avenue HS - *2nd Place*  
**Kaitlyn Smith**, Lindenhurst HS  
**Stephanie Su**, New Hyde Park Memorial HS  
**Alexander Swyst**, Wantagh HS - *Harold Kleinpeter Achievement in Colored Pencil*  
**Noelle Tibke**, Sonderling HS  
**Sarah Walordy**, Long Beach HS  
**Jordan Weinstein**, Roslyn HS - *Honorable Mention*  
**Jillian Wilson**, Half Hollow Hills HS West  
**Jennifer Young**, Half Hollow Hills HS West  
**Danielle Zakian**, Jericho HS - *Honorable Mention*  
**Linnuo Zheng**, The Knox School - *Fay Kaplowitz Scholarship Award (4th Place)*

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- View images of exhibited artwork (Click "more images.")
- Download this brochure
- View photographs from the Opening Reception

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