

The Heckscher
Museum of Art

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Long Island's Best: Young Artists at the Heckscher Museum
Celebrated Competition Breaks Records with Island-Wide Participation
On View: March 17 to April 15, 2018

Huntington, NY -- ***Long Island's Best: Young Artists at The Heckscher Museum***, the most prestigious juried competition for high school students from Suffolk and Nassau Counties, will be on view from March 17 to April 15, 2018. **There were 385 student entries submitted representing a record-breaking 62 participating high schools across Long Island.** Jurors took on the difficult challenge of selecting 80 works for the professionally mounted exhibition in the Museum galleries.

Now in its 22nd year, ***Long Island's Best*** is the premiere event of The Heckscher Museum's education programs. This juried exhibition is the only one of its kind on Long Island that provides students the unparalleled opportunity to exhibit their artwork in a prominent museum, and to be featured in a full-color catalog that accompanies the exhibition. Museum visitors are treated to exceptional artwork by talented young artists.

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Jurors for the exhibition are Lisa Chalif, Curator, The Heckscher Museum of Art, and guest juror Doug Reina, a notable Long Island artist and 2014 Pollock-Krasner Foundation grant recipient.

“For high school students, this is a rare and exciting opportunity to put their skills to the ultimate test and show the world who they are. This is where you bring your A game,” said Doug Reina. “This is their first taste of what life in the contemporary art world is really like. The 'creative pressure' gives these young people terrific experience as they become the next generation of the world's artists.”

In addition to the gallery exhibition, visitors can see all of the artwork submitted to the competition on a digital display that will run for the entirety of the exhibition. Mitchells, the venerable Huntington-based department store, will display select images from **Long Island's Best** in their windows on Main Street beginning mid-April.

The **Long Island's Best** educational experience begins with students visiting the Museum during the school year and choosing a work of art as a point of inspiration. Students submit their original work of art along with a detailed artist statement. “Every year, the caliber of artwork is more impressive and the artists' statements increasingly more creative and thoughtful. It is a challenge to choose the best of the best from hundreds of entries,” noted Joy Weiner, Director of Education.

About The Heckscher Museum of Art

The Heckscher Museum of Art, founded in 1920 by philanthropist August Heckscher, is located in scenic Heckscher Park in Huntington, New York. Through its exhibitions and related programs, the Museum provides inspiring and transformative experiences to encourage a broader understanding of the past and present and to enrich life-long learning. The Museum's collection comprises more than 2,500 works from the 16th to the 21st century, including European and American painting, sculpture, works on paper, and photography. For information about The Heckscher Museum of Art, visit Heckscher.org.

Museum Hours

Wednesday - Friday | 10:00 am - 5:00 pm *

Saturday and Sunday | 11:00 am - 5:00 pm *

Monday and Tuesday | Closed

Admission: \$8 Adults; \$6 Seniors; \$5 Students; Children under 10 FREE

*Huntington Township Residents admitted FREE Wednesdays after 2:00 pm and Saturdays before 1:00 pm. Proof of residency required.

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