

The Heckscher Museum of Art

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1920 - 2020

Student Awards Announced

Long Island's Best: Young Artists at The Heckscher Museum

Online Exhibition NOW on Heckscher.org

Huntington, NY -- ***Long Island's Best: Young Artists at The Heckscher Museum***, the most prestigious juried competition for Long Island high school students, has announced top prize winners for 2020. All of the *Long Island's Best* artwork is available online at the brand new [Heckscher.org](https://www.heckscher.org). *Long Island's Best* will feature new awards and highlight 100 works of art from students across Suffolk and Nassau Counties in celebration of The Heckscher Museum's anniversary.

There were **388 student submissions, representing 58 participating high schools**. Jurors selected 100 as finalists. The following students were awarded the top four prizes. See [Heckscher.org](https://www.heckscher.org) for a complete list of award winners.

Stephanie Lopez

Prismatic Bubble. Acrylic on canvas.

Hicksville High School. Grade: 11

Celebrate Achievement Best in Show

(Image, right)

Matthew Diesing

A Seat at the Table. Oil pastel.

John F. Kennedy High School. Grade: 11

Second Place, Judith Sposato Memorial Prize

Micarlys Ramirez

Ydelim in a Green Chair. Acrylic on canvas.

Brentwood High School. Grade: 12.

Third Place, The Hadley Prize

Bridget Buckmaster

Check Mate. Digital photograph.

Northport High School. Grade: 11.

Fourth Place, The Stan Brodsky Scholarship Award

Additional Award Winners

Maya Alschuler-Pierce

Valley Stream South High School

Grade 11

Huntington Fine Arts Institute Award of Excellence

The Firefly Artists Next Generation Award



Aqsa Ansari

Hicksville High School

Grade 12

Achievement Award in Oil Painting

Erica Chen

Half Hollow Hills West High School

Grade 12

Renzo and Lynette Bianchi Scholarship Award

Sophia DiGiovanni

Centereach High School

Grade 12

Renzo and Lynette Bianchi Heckscher Centennial Scholarship Award

Rachel Ferrara

Northport High School

Grade 12

Renzo and Lynette Bianchi Scholarship Award

Kailee Finn

Valley Stream Central High School

Grade 12

Achievement Award in Social Commentary

Annika Galvin

Huntington High School

Grade 9

Andrew Presberg Promising Young Artist Award

Courtney Gerard

Bellport High School

Grade 12

Cozza Family Photography Award

Noelle Giambrone-Hatalovsky

North Shore High School

Grade 12

The Donald and Gloria Horn Scholarship Award

Olivia Golebiewski

West Babylon High School

Grade 12

Renzo and Lynette Bianchi Scholarship Award

Benjamin Herbert

Northport High School

Grade 10

Andrew Presberg Promising Young Artist Award

Jocelyn Herrera

Mineola High School

Grade 10

Achievement Award in Use of Color

Huntington Fine Arts Institute Award of Excellence

Cailin Hoang

Hicksville High School

Grade 11

Huntington Fine Arts Institute Award of Excellence

Katarina Kobetitsch

Hicksville High School

Grade 12

The Firefly Artists Next Generation Award

Samantha Kohn

Sayville High School

Grade 12

Renzo and Lynette Bianchi Scholarship Award

Vivienne LaVertu

Huntington High School

Grade 11

Huntington Fine Arts Institute Award of Excellence

Erika Lopez

Plainview-Old Bethpage JFK High School

Grade 11

The Donald G. Horn, Jr. Scholarship Award

Alexa Miller

Plainview-Old Bethpage JFK High School

Grade 11

Huntington Fine Arts Institute Award of Excellence

Angelyse Santiago

Sachem High School East

Grade 11

Renzo and Lynette Bianchi Scholarship Award

Lillian Stone

John F. Kennedy High School

Grade 12

Achievement Award in Realism in Color Pencil

Tyler Walsh

Bellport High School

Grade 12

Renzo and Lynette Bianchi Scholarship Award

The Long Island's Best experience begins with students visiting the Museum where they see and discuss works on view. Each student then chooses a work of art as an inspiration piece. They go on to create an original artwork and write an Artist's Statement explaining their creative process.

Jurors for the 2020 exhibition were Karli Wurzelbacher, Curator, The Heckscher Museum of Art, and guest juror Nancy Richner, Director (Retired), Hofstra University Museum of Art. "[As a juror], I hoped to gain a sense of the high school artist's curiosity and response to this challenge set before them," said Richner. "I can't imagine a better feeling of affirmation and support for students. *Long Island's Best* fosters students' sense of curiosity and daringness to engage and try – and everyone wins – students, community, the art world – and of course, the Museum!"

Highlights for 2020:

Bridget Buckmaster (*see above*) is the first to receive a *Long Island's Best* Stan Brodsky Scholarship Award. Stan Brodsky (1924-2019) was a Long Island artist, teacher and friend to the Museum. Generous donations from members, friends, and former students, endowed the scholarship, to be given every year in memory of the artist.

The Firefly Artist Gallery, Northport, has also donated a new award for a deserving *Long Island's Best* student.

Voting for the Virtual Visitors Choice Award will be open on Heckscher.org beginning April 24.

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