

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **SDMA'S BIENNIAL DISPLAY OF STUDENT ART EXPANDS TO MORE LOCATIONS AND INTRODUCES NEW FAMILY-FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES**

#### ***Young Art 2007: Exploring Color*** April 14–May 27, 2007

SAN DIEGO—Museum visitors will have the unique opportunity to see some of the best student art in San Diego at SDMA's biennial display of artwork by K–12 San Diego county students. *Young Art* returns this spring with more locations, the first-ever *Young Art Alive*, and new creative activities for the whole family. From April 14 to May 27, 2007, close to 150 artworks in a variety of media will be on display in the Museum. An additional 150 *Young Art* displays will be located in several new library branches and the San Diego International Airport, exposing a greater number of people to the exhibition, while also giving more children the opportunity to present their creativity and skill.

For the first time ever, *Art Alive*, SDMA's annual springtime festival of flowers and art, will incorporate *Young Art* as several floral displays are placed throughout the exhibition. Eden Floral Designs, together with local youth, will create the colorful arrangements that will correspond with the exhibition's theme. For budding floral designers ages 8 to 12, Eden Floral Designs will lead an *Art Alive Young Master Class* on Saturday, April 14, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. This special studio class will use the themes of *Young Art 2007* while teaching the basic principles of floral design. For more information or to sign up, call (619) 231-1996.

In addition to exploring color through the student artworks in *Young Art*, a brand-new printed guide has been created to lead visitors on an examination of the symbolic, perceptual, and

psychological uses of the color red in various galleries throughout the Museum. “Follow the Red” guides will be available for visitors to pick up in the *Young Art* exhibition.

Other related programs include Young Art Tours on Sundays, May 6 and 20, at 3:00 p.m., which will be led by middle and high school students whose work is featured in the exhibition. To learn how the exhibition was put together, visitors can join *Young Art* coordinator Nikki Oder for an Insight Gallery Talk on Thursday, May 10, at 6:00 p.m. and Sunday, May 13, at 3:00 p.m.

SDMA has been celebrating the achievements of San Diego students with exhibitions like *Young Art* since its founding in 1926, making major contributions to the region’s awareness of the importance of children’s art education. *Young Art* is just one way that the Museum partners with local schools to promote and facilitate student art making. SDMA has a longstanding commitment to strengthen and support art education in San Diego schools, not only through *Young Art*, but by also offering free tours for students, creating classes, workshops, open houses, and lesson plans for teachers, and by strengthening our ongoing partnerships with local schools.

**Museum Information**

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