

# 2017 Connecticut Scholastic Art Awards Press Release

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**To:** Awarded Students, Parents and Art Teachers

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## **For Immediate Release:**

### ***Four Berlin High School Students Place at the 2017 Connecticut Scholastic Art Awards***

The Berlin High School Art Department is pleased to announce that four of our students have won awards at the 2017 Connecticut Regional Scholastic Art Awards! AP Studio Art Student and Senior Hannah Schulz has won a Gold Key in the Mixed Media category. Maisie Hayes, a Sophomore, has won a Silver Key in the Painting category. Rebecca Stanton, a Freshman, has won a Silver Key in the Digital Art category, and Peter Albert, a Junior, has won an Honorable Mention in the Digital Photography category. All entries will be displayed at the 2017 Connecticut Scholastic Art Awards exhibition from January 15 – February 3, 2017 at the Silpe Gallery at the University of Hartford.

**History:** The 26th annual Connecticut Regional Scholastic Art Awards is the largest juried student art exhibition in the state. It is a high level exhibition. As an affiliate of the National Scholastic Art Awards and The Alliance For Young Artists and Writers, the Connecticut region is proud to continue an annual tradition established in 1927. This national program was originated to honor the creative efforts of grade 7 to 12 students in public, private and parochial schools. It is now the largest and most senior program of its type in the country. Following the close of the Conn. Regional exhibit, the select Gold Key award winners from each national region will have their art works reviewed by a blue ribbon panel of judges at the National level in March. The National Jury will select "Gold Medal" National winners and call in their artwork to be exhibited in New York City during June. The National student awards ceremony will be held at Carnegie Hall in mid- June. Selected students will receive an invitation to this National event.

**Purpose:** "Celebrating the Creative Spirit of Connecticut Youth" is the theme of this exhibition. Our sponsors emphasize that the purpose of this program is not merely a competition of sorts, but a recognition and encouragement of talented visual art students from across the state. Many artists, university faculty and professionals in the field have participated to review and select the finest student art works in many art media categories from over 1,500 Conn. student entries.

**Statistics:** The 2017 Connecticut Regional Scholastic Art Awards exhibition features select work from 145 participating Connecticut schools in grades 7- 12. Selected from approximately 3000 total art entries, 575 works were accepted for exhibit at the University of Hartford. From that accepted number, there were 184 Gold key awards (including 23 Gold portfolios), 173 Silver keys and 218 Honorable Mention awards granted.

**Connecticut Exhibition Site:** the Silpe Gallery, in Taub Hall, at Hartford Art School, University of Hartford, 200 Bloomfield Ave, West Hartford, 06117.

**Exhibition Dates:** January 15 to February 3, 2017. Silpe Gallery hours: daily 9:00 to 4:00 pm - Weekends, noon to 4:00 pm. Art School - 860-768-4827

**The Connecticut Student Awards Presentation:** Sunday, January 29, 2017, 2:00 to 3:30 pm at Lincoln Theater, on the University of Hartford and is a non-ticketed event and open to the public. The student exhibit is open on Sun. Jan. 29th, from Noon to 5:00 pm, in the Silpe Gallery

Connecticut Sponsors: CT. Art Education Assoc. Inc. and The Hartford Art School, University of Hartford

Directions to University of Hartford: Exit 44 from I-84 [Prospect Ave.] From west: right exit and left onto Prospect Ave. From east: right exit, right turn off ramp, left onto Prospect. Follow Prospect to its end (2 miles) Turn right, on Albany Ave. Then turn left at light onto Bloomfield Ave. Proceed 3/4mile campus is on right. First entrance for Lincoln Theater. Take second entrance for Hartford Art School and Silpe Gallery, follow signs.