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Mary R. Koch School of Visual Arts Exhibition Opens Today

WICHITA, Kan. — Mark Arts announces its Mary R. Koch School of Visual Arts Exhibition, which will be on display May 25 - June 25. The Independent School is sponsoring an opening reception 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, May 25, featuring a cash bar and complimentary light hors d'oeuvres.

The exhibition features works by 129 of Mark Arts' student artists. Each quarter, more than 250 artists of all ages and skill levels study with Mark Arts' accomplished faculty. Jurors Kevin Kelly, Lisa Rundstrom and Scott Steder selected the following \$100 scholarship awards and honorable mentions.

BEST OF SHOW: Mariah Branine, *Silent Movies*

ABSTRACT: Judy Tremble, *Two Views*
HM: Don Coons, *Light Structure II*

ACRYLIC: Mariah Branine, *Silent Movies*
HM: Richard Carl, *June 30, 2015*

CERAMICS: Connie Ernatt, *Pack*
HM: Denise M. Irwin, *Homage to John Boyo's Cat-Man*; Eugene A. Stucky, *Fractured*

ENAMELING, JEWELRY & METALSMITHING: Jennifer Walterscheid, *Mandala*
HM: Jennifer Walterscheid, *Flower Garden Vessel*

OIL: Gina Kohn, *Deep in Thought*
HM: Sam Criss, *Still Life*

PRINTMAKING: Iris Russell, *I'm So Blue/ I'm Still Blue Diptych*
HM: Will Gregg, *City of World's Desire*; Rebecca Rolph, *Printemps II*

SCULPTURE: Elaine Rusk, *Diana*
HM: Bobbie Droge, *Athena*; Doug Richards, *Saint Jerome*; Angie Wormhoudt, *President Trump*

WATERCOLOR: Jackie Little, *Cone of Shame*
HM: Jan Thorp, *Fractured Petals*

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About Mark Arts

The mission of Mark Arts is to be a vibrant arts hub in Wichita and the region by providing opportunities to appreciate and create art in an atmosphere of lifelong learning. It was originally founded in 1920 as the Wichita Art Association, later became The Wichita Center for the Arts and is the area's oldest visual arts organization. The galleries are open 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. Admission is free. Visit MarkArtsKS.com or call 316.634.2787.