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THE WICHITA CENTER FOR THE ARTS PRESENTS:

**THE SCHOLASTIC
ART AWARDS OF 2014**
FEBRUARY 4 – MARCH 9, 2014

WICHITA, KS— February 3, 2014 —The Wichita Center for the Arts, along with the Elizabeth B Koch and The K.T. Wiedemann Foundations, Inc., once again will host **THE SCHOLASTIC ART AWARDS**. The Scholastic Art Awards Exhibition showcases artwork from students in high school and middle school in Wichita, KS and the surrounding areas. The exhibition runs from **February 4 – March 9, 2014**.

The Scholastic Art Awards is open to all students in seventh to twelfth grade from 70 Kansas counties. The Scholastic Art Awards are the largest and longest running recognition program for young people in the United States. Maurice R. Robinson, the founder of Scholastic, Inc., the children's publishing and entertainment company, established the awards in 1923. Alumni of the awards include Truman Capote, Andy Warhol, Sylvia Plath and Robert Redford.

Supported by their visual arts teachers and other community mentors, participants create and submit their best works of art. Each work is reviewed by a panel of art professionals for originality, technical skill, and the emergence of personal voice or vision. A total of 2,186 entries were submitted to this years Scholastic Art Awards from 70 Kansas counties, and almost 800 student works were selected for this year's exhibition. From the almost 800 selected student



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works, just over 200 pieces were awarded the “Silver Key Award” and about 120 pieces were awarded the “Gold Key Award.” Gold Key Award winner’s works are automatically entered into the National Judging. Out of those Gold Key recipients, 5 are nominated for the American Vision Award. One National American Visions Award recipient is then recognized from each region. This year’s National American Vision Award nominees are; Tanner Sipes, student of Neal Barbour, from Topeka West High School, Anastasia Bell, student of Pamela Delay, from Rock Creek Junior/Senior High School, Allyson Davis, student of Lynn Felts, from Winfield High School, Madison Ast, student of Ward Hilgers, from Rose Hill High School, and Morgan Severt, student of Nicole Meyer-Foresman, from Girard High School.

Other awards and scholarships for The Scholastic Art Awards 2014 are generously provided by individuals, businesses and educational institutions in Kansas who recognize the importance of art in our schools. Last year, our Sponsors gave over \$351,000.00 in scholarships and cash prizes.

Please join us on **Sunday, March 9, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.** for **THE 2014 SCHOLASTIC ART AWARD CEREMONY** which will be held at The Wichita Center for the Arts in the Irene Vickers Baker Theatre. At this ceremony those students who have shown exceptional talent in their artwork will be recognized.

For more information about **THE SCHOLASTIC ART AWARDS** visit The Wichita Center for the Arts website wcfta.com or call us at (316) 634-2787.

The gallery at THE WICHITA CENTER FOR THE ARTS is open Tuesday – Sunday from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Admission is always free.

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