STUDENT ART CHALLENGE

JANUARY 14, 2027 • 9AM–1:30PM
VILLA MARIA COLLEGE
240 PINE RIDGE RD, BUFFALO, NY 14225
$150.00 (THIS INCLUDES SPACE FOR 1 TEACHER AND UP TO 10 STUNDENTS)

EVENT DETAILS

1. **Bring Your Own Palette:** Student will be the curators of their creativity by bringing their preferred art materials. Materials will not be supplied.
2. **Spontaneous Creativity:** Students will receive a unique prompt on the spot and let their imagination soar!
3. **Race Against Time:** Students will have two hours to turn their vision into a masterpiece. The clock is ticking!
4. **Showcase Your Talent:** Students will compete for the chance to win exciting prizes and be recognized for their artistic work!

Ready! Set! Create!

STUDENT CATEGORIES BY GRADE LEVEL

Emerging Artists (6-8) . Intermediate Artists (9-10) . Advanced Artists (11-12)

LUNCH PROVIDED

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RULES & EXPECTATIONS

- Students are allowed to use any art materials of their choice, including but not limited to, pencils, paints, pastels, clay, or digital tools. However, materials that pose safety hazards or cause significant mess may be restricted by the competition organizers. All materials must be brought by the student including work surface (paper, canvas, etc.). No materials will be provided.

- Students are responsible for the clean up and organization of all work and material. Limited access to sinks and garbage cans will be available.

- Each student will be assigned a workspace and grouped by grade level category. Labels indicating student name, district, and category will be placed at their assigned workspace. These labels must remain visible at all times. Every effort will be made to provide equitable space for each student. Flexibility and cooperation is expected of all students.

- Students working digital must ensure that the judges have access to the work during the scheduled lunch period. Students should also ensure that all devices are charged for the event. There will be limited access to outlets.

- Students may use additional resources for reference or inspiration while completing their work.

- Students will have until 11:30 AM to create. If arrival and the announcement takes less time than expected, that additional time will be used to create. Additional work time will not be provided for late arrivals or breaks.

- Students must conduct themselves with respect towards fellow participants and organizers throughout the competition. Any form of cheating, sabotage, or disrespectful behavior will result in immediate disqualification.

teachers

- Teachers will have the option to compete in a teacher category!

- Please assist in organizing students, keeping the event on time, and maintaining any mess during the competition.

- Teachers and students are responsible for planning options to accommodate dietary restrictions for lunch.

- Any artwork too large or wet to transport home may be left at Villa Maria but must be picked up by January 21, 2027.

- **Questions or concerns?** Contact Dan Lynch.

SCORING RUBRIC

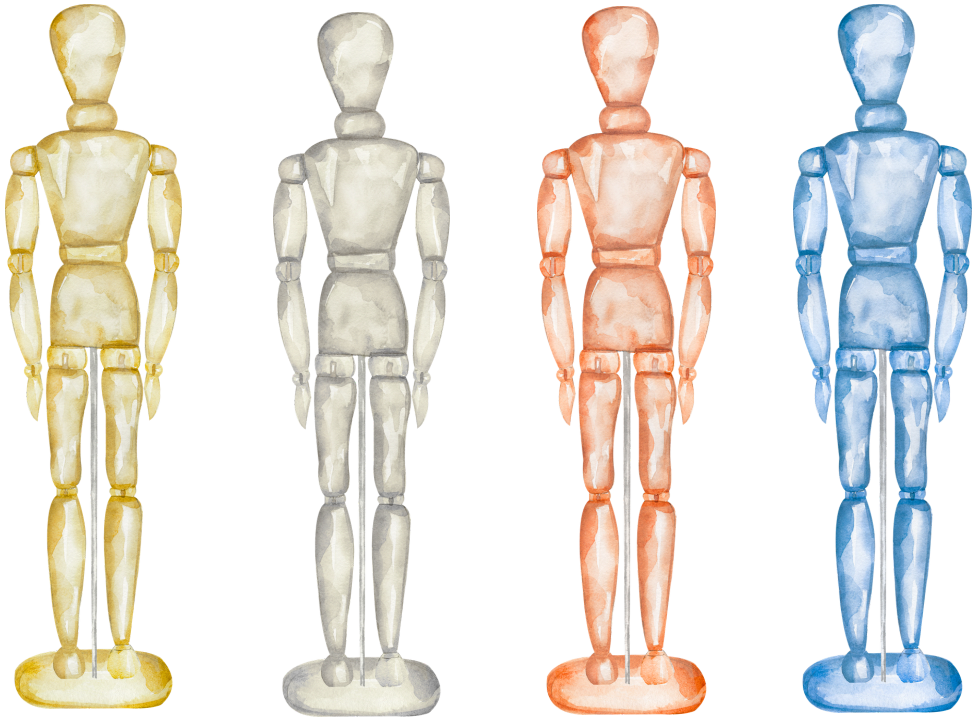
Student Name:	District:	Category:
Areas for Growth	Criteria	Evidence of Mastery
Judges input if applicable 1 2	Creativity and Originality *The artwork demonstrates an original approach. The student has attempted to bring a personal approach to the work and explored innovative ideas, showcasing an authentic response to the challenge prompt.*	*Judges input if applicable* 4 5
1 2	Technical Skill and Craftsmanship *Technical skill and craftsmanship are apparent in this work of art. Knowledge of materials and techniques is evident.*	4 5
1 2	Composition and Design *The composition and design of the artwork are thoughtfully considered and effectively executed. The elements and principles of art are used to enhance the overall composition.*	4 5
1 2	Concept and Message *The artwork effectively communicates a clear and compelling concept or message. The student has thoughtfully considered the context behind the work and successfully displayed a clear answer to the prompt to the viewer.*	4 5

AWARDS

EMERGING ARTISTS	INTERMEDIATE ARTISTS	ADVANCED ARTISTS	TEACHERS
1	1	1	1
2	2	2	2
3	3	3	3

BOCES BLUE AWARD

Chosen by each judge team, this award celebrates a student whose work makes a memorable impression through creativity, vision, or artistic voice. The Blue BOCES Standout Artist Award recognizes art that resonates strongly with the judges.

QUESTIONS?

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