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HERRON SCHOOL OF ART AND DESIGN ANNOUNCES PRIZE WINNERS IN SECOND ANNUAL INDIANA HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR ART INVITATIONAL

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Garret Cooney (third from left) with his art teacher Terri Gavin (left) and his parents Tracy and Janet Cooney in front of his prize winning self portrait.

Five juniors from, Jennings County, Lafayette Jefferson, Lebanon and Western Boone high schools produced the top works in Herron School of Art and Design's second annual Indiana High School Junior Art Invitational. The prizewinners were announced during an opening reception on February 28. The works will be on exhibit through March 14 in the Marsh Gallery of Eskenazi Hall.

First Place

Maddie Scherer of Lafayette Jefferson High School, for her work titled *Ceremony*, art teacher, **Megan Wells**.

Second Place

Emma Meyers of Lebanon High School for her work titled *The Tea Rose Room*, art

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teacher, **Tricia Patmore**.

Third Place

Garret Cooney of Western Boone High School for his work titled *Self Portrait*, art teacher, **Terri Gavin**.

Honorable Mention

Lake Maschino of Jennings County High School for his work titled *Nature Teapot*, art teacher, **Karen Chilman**, and **Miranda Reagan** of Lafayette Jefferson High School for her work titled *Yellow is My Favorite Color*, art teacher, **Mara Battiste**.

Art teachers of high school juniors throughout Indiana were invited to submit the best examples of their students' works for this juried exhibition. Herron scholarships of \$2,000, \$1,000 and \$500 went to the first, second and third place students, respectively. All five students earned a scholarship to Honors Art and Design taught at Herron over the summer.

Teachers of the top five students were recognized with a \$200 scholarship toward continuing education at Herron.

More than 100 works were submitted from 16 high schools. More than 100 people attended the exhibition's opening reception.

Attendees had the opportunity to take a guided tour and learn more about Herron's nationally accredited, top ranked art and design programs and IUPUI campus life.

Juror and Herron Galleries Director **Colin Nesbit** said, "Selecting the art was a grueling process because of the high caliber of work submitted. It was absolutely astounding, especially considering the fact that these students are juniors in high school."

"While we tend to only think of the artists," he continued, "the invitational also recognizes the teachers behind those students. It is the commitment and innovation of these art educators that helped these students achieve this level of success. If we are looking to these students as the future for arts in Indiana, I would say that future is quite bright."

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