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High School Art Awards Presented at Tubac Center of the Arts

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April 18, 2022, Tubac, AZ. Tubac Center of the Arts, (TCA) presented awards to six local high school students at the opening reception of the annual Hi-Art exhibition on Friday, April 8, 2022.

Emma Jackman, a Walden Grove High School senior was awarded a \$3,000 college scholarship. The scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior based on a 500 work essay submitted with their art application. Emma will be attending Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff with a major in engineering and a minor in art.

Award Winners:

College Scholarship: Emma Jackman, Walden Grove High

Best of Show: "Dissonance," Natalie Cororna, Sahuarita High

Award of Excellence: "Crouching Woman," Sofia Ibarra, Nogales High

Award of Merit: "Santa Corazon," Grecia Solorio, Nogales High

Honorable Mention: "The Cheesy Burger," Cassandra Scott, Sahuarita High

Honorable Mention: "Who?," Kim Allen, Sahuarita High

"We have seen amazing talent from students entering work in this year's Hi-Art exhibition. Our visitors comment that they can't believe they are seeing such extraordinary work from high school students. We encourage everyone to stop in at TCA and see Hi-Art before the exhibition closes on May 29th said Karin Topping, Executive Director."

"The students created works that not only had technical skill, but had thought and concept, such as the drawing, "Dissonance," by Natalie Corona of Sahuarita High which took the Best of Show award, and "Santo Corazon," a mixed media piece by Grecia Solorio of Nogales High which took the Award of Merit. We are overjoyed to be able to support our local youth and share their artwork with the community and visitors to Tubac Center of the Arts" stated Karon Leigh, Artistic Director.

"**Hi-Art 2022**" is the annual exhibition of artwork created by Santa Cruz Valley High School Students. Sarah Vickery, TCA Operations Manager made numerous visits to the schools and her outreach along with the dedication of the art teachers resulted in higher than usual participation. Eighty-two artworks were submitted by students from Nogales, Rio Rico,



Sahuarita, and Walden Grove High Schools and thirty-six pieces were selected for the exhibition.

“I loved the opportunity to visit the schools to meet the students and the teachers. The outstanding quality of the students' work shows the dedication of the local art teachers. The Santa Cruz Valley is very lucky to have such encouraging art teachers,” Sarah Vickery said.

Next year TCA plans to hold the Hi-Art exhibit in the Studio/Library Gallery so that more students can participate, and a larger amount of artwork can be presented. Additionally, TCA will present the middle school student's artwork in the Front Gallery space concurrently with the Hi-Art exhibition in a new exhibit, "Mid-Art" developed by Sarah Vickery, TCA Operations Manager.

The exhibition continues in the Front Gallery at TCA through May 29th. The art center is free and open to the public, Monday through Saturday, 10am – 4:30pm and Sunday, 12pm – 4:30pm.

About Tubac Center of the Arts

Tubac Center of the Arts is an artistic gem in the Southwest. TCA is a member supported nonprofit open 7 days a week. The art center offers a full range of arts programming and seasonal exhibits that are not to be missed including nationally juried art exhibitions, opportunities for artists to exhibit their work, art workshops, lectures, a performing arts series, special events, a children's summer arts program, and a beautiful gift shop.

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High resolution image attached:

“Dissonance,” Best of Show winner, Natalie Corona, Sahuarita High

“Santo Corazon,” Award of Merit winner, Grecia Solorio, Nogales High