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LAST CHANCE FOR YOUTH ARTISTS TO WIN IN THE CHICAGO YOUTH ART EXPO 2024

Entries close March 29th

Students can win art supplies from Blick Art Materials and 'staycations' from The Study

Chicago, IL (March 12, 2024) –The deadline for the inaugural **Chicago Youth Art Expo (CYAE**) is this Friday, March 29th offering students the last chance to secure mentoring by professional Chicago artists, art supplies and 'staycations'. All high school artists (grades 9-12) from the Chicagoland area are encouraged to showcase your unique brand of creativity. **Entries will be accepted until this Friday, March 29th.** The culminating event will be held at The Study Hotel on the campus of the University of Chicago on April 6th.

Sponsored by **Pigment International** and **The Four Arts Men** - **Barrett Keithley**, **Blake Lenoir, Eddie Santana White** and **Dwight White** - the competition is designed to inspire young people interested in the visual arts, provide instruction on presenting their work for competition and background into the basics of building an art career. Event partners **Blick Art Materials**, **The Study Hotel at the University of Chicago**, **Starbucks**, **Dorian Sylvain** and **Gary Comer Youth Center**.

Competition Details:

- Theme: "DRIFTING EN A MEMORY" (DREAM)
- Eligibility: High school students (grades 9-12) from the Chicagoland area
- Medium: All forms of visual art are welcome, including painting, drawing, sculpture, digital art, photography, and mixed media
- Submission Guidelines: Each participant may submit up to three original artworks inspired by the theme.
- Submission Deadline: **March 29, 2024**
- Prizes: Top winners will receive exciting prizes, including cash awards, art supplies from **Blick Art Materials**, Staycations and restaurant certificates from **The**

Study Hotel, recognition in local media, and a chance to win a unique "day in the life of an artist" experience.

- Judging Panel: Renowned local artists, art educators, and community leaders passionate about fostering young artistic talent will judge the entries.
- Exhibition: Selected artworks will be displayed in a special public exhibition (venue to be confirmed).

How to Participate:

1. **Register online.**
2. Create your masterpiece inspired by the theme "Drifting En a Memory".
3. Submit: Upload a high-resolution photo or digital scan of your artwork along with a brief artist statement explaining your inspiration and creative process.
4. Stay tuned: Follow for updates on finalists, exhibition details, and more on our website and social media channels.

Important Dates:

- Artwork must be submitted by March 29, 2024
- Notification of acceptance into the competition: April 1, 2024
- Culmination Event: April 6th, noon – 6:00 p.m.

Family and friends are invited to join us for the culminating event at The Study Hotel on April 6th. The day begins with seminars for the students at noon, followed by viewing of the art, judging, awarding of prizes and a reception. You may RSVP to the event **here.**

Join us in celebrating the vibrant artistic talent of Chicago's youth! Let your creativity shine in the Chicago Youth Art Expo 2024!

About the Organizers:

The Chicago Youth Art Expo is a collaboration between **Pigment International**, a non-profit dedicated to promoting artists of color and fostering creativity in the local art community, and **The Four Arts Men**, a collective of renowned Chicago-based artists passionate about providing a platform for young artists to express themselves and make a positive impact through art. Event partners are the **Four Arts Men, Pigment**

International, Gary Comer Youth Center, The Study Hotel at the University of Chicago, Blick Art Materials, Starbucks, Dorian Sylvain.

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