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## **Winners Announced for the 2018 Juried Exhibition of Student Art (JESA)**

### ***Thirty Grand Award Winners Selected From Over 26,000 Entries from Schools Across Indiana***

INDIANAPOLIS – The International Violin Competition of Indianapolis (IVCI) is extremely pleased to announce the Grand Award winners of the 2018 Juried Exhibition of Student Art (JESA). This statewide initiative, organized by IVCI staff and volunteers since 1986, is open to students throughout Indiana in grades one through twelve, coinciding with each quadrennial Competition.

For the 2018 JESA Competition, over 26,000 students registered and over 1,000 works of original art were received and judged by a panel of art teachers organized by JESA State Director and IVCI Board Member Rosalie Held. Final round judges were **Bret Waller**, Director Emeritus of the Indianapolis Museum of Art at Newfields, **Kyle Ragsdale**, professional artist and curator of the Harrison Center for the Arts in Indianapolis, and **Valerie Eickmeier**, Dean of the Herron School of Art and Design at the Indiana University Purdue University of Indianapolis (IUPUI).

Each student whose artwork was selected by his or her art teacher to be entered for regional judging will be awarded a certificate of recognition, and each of the 150 finalists will be awarded a certificate and a \$25 cash prize. The thirty Grand Award Winners will be presented with a Certificate of Honor and a \$100 cash prize. Their respective teachers will receive a certificate of commendation plus a commemorative plaque of the Winner's artwork and \$100 to be used for art materials. Additionally, each of the five Grand Award Winners of Exhibition Level VI (Grades 11-12) will be awarded a scholarship to attend either Saturday School or Honors Art at the Herron School of Art and Design.

The thirty Grand Award Winners are listed on the following pages.

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The International Violin Competition of Indianapolis (IVCI) recognizes, rewards and promotes the world's finest young classical violinists, and encourages understanding, appreciation and support of the violin repertoire by a large and diverse audience. The IVCI utilizes its world prominence to bring international attention to Indianapolis, and maintains its efforts to be a visible and collaborative member of the arts communities in Indianapolis and Indiana.

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2018 JURIED EXHIBITION OF STUDENT ART GRAND AWARD WINNERS

**EXHIBITION LEVEL I (Grades 1 and 2)**

**Audrey Bryant**, Grade 1; Metro North Elementary School, Wabash  
Title: Symmetrical Violin; paper collage; Katy Gray, art teacher

**Willa Dwenger**, Grade 2; St. Thomas Catholic School, Indianapolis  
Title: The Amazing Wow; watercolor and marker; Winifred Wood, art teacher

**Benjamin Havens**, Grade 2; Community School of the Arts, Marion  
Untitled; mixed media; Stacey Harrison, art teacher

**Lydia Ortman**, Grade 2; St. Peter's Lutheran School, Columbus  
Title: Lydia's Work of Art; mixed media; Robin Arnold, art teacher

**Hazel Sasse**, Grade 2; St. Peter's Lutheran School, Columbus  
Title: The Garden of Music; marker and colored pencil; Robin Arnold, art teacher

**EXHIBITION LEVEL II (Grades 3 and 4)**

**Timothy Haist**, Grade 4; Canterbury School, Fort Wayne  
Title: Theater Lights; oil pastel; Melissa Madsen, art teacher

**Callan Little**, Grade 4; Northview Elementary School, Gas City  
Title: Scales of Nature; mixed media; Shelly Neal, art teacher

**Bennett Rabensteine**, Grade 3; Concord East Side Elementary School, Elkhart  
Title: Outdoor Violin; mixed media; Lynette Johnson, art teacher

**Drew Schiefer**, Grade 4, St. Peter's Lutheran School, Columbus  
Title: The Lightning; melted crayon; Robin Arnold, art teacher

**Teddy Swanson**, Grade 4; The Stanley Clark School, South Bend  
Title: Golden Purple; digital photography; Jill Hunt, art teacher

**EXHIBITION LEVEL III (Grades 5 and 6)**

**Ellis Clark**, Grade 6; Clear Creek Christian School, Bloomington  
Title: Violin; paint; Brianne Harness, art teacher

**Grant Cates**, Grade 5; Harrison's Art Club, Swayzee  
Untitled; pastel and crayon; Stacey Harrison, art teacher

**Benjamin Hurt**, Grade 5; Holy Rosary Catholic School, Evansville  
Title: Invasion of the Violins; pencil; Michelle Weisman, art teacher

**Lauren Lunt**, Grade 6; Westwood Elementary School, New Castle  
Title: Van Gogh's Violin; mixed media; Katherine Shumaker, art teacher

**Kaitlin White**, Grade 6; St. Peter's Lutheran School, Columbus  
Title: A Musical Mosaic; marker; Robin Arnold, art teacher

### **EXHIBITION LEVEL IV (Grades 7 and 8)**

**Illyana Cox**, Grade 8; Brown County Junior High School, Nashville  
Title: Moonlight Music; acrylic paint; Laurette Roales, art teacher

**Tara Harrison**, Grade 8; John Young Middle School, Mishawaka  
Title: Sunset Notes; colored pencil and pastel; Deb Anderson, art teacher

**Natalie Howard**, Grade 8; Franklin Community Middle School, Franklin  
Title: Cavatina; mixed media; Beverly Wilson, art teacher

**Haley Sherrell**, Grade 8; Cowan Jr. Sr. High School, Muncie  
Title: Violin; marker; Rodney Overla, art teacher

**Wyatt York**, Grade 7; Cowan Jr. Sr. High School, Muncie  
Title: Violin; pencil; Rodney Overla, art teacher

### **EXHIBITION LEVEL V (Grades 9 and 10)**

**Marissa Cabrera**, Grade 10; Reitz Memorial High School, Evansville  
Title: Violin; pastel; Laura C. Ackerman, art teacher

**Genna Davis**, Grade 10; Angola High School; Angola  
Title: Resonance; white charcoal on black paper; John Vogel, art teacher

**Gabrielle Henderson**, Grade 10; Blackford High School, Hartford City  
Title: Piece by Piece; mixed media; Kara Pinkerton, art teacher

**Mady Stewart**, Grade 10; Silver Creek High School, Sellersburg  
Title: Blue Movement; paint; Melissa Hinton, art teacher

**Elle Unfried**, Grade 10; Reitz Memorial High School, Evansville  
Title: String Forward; acrylic; Laura C. Ackerman, art teacher

### **EXHIBITION LEVEL VI (Grades 11 and 12)**

**Jalen Gorneck**; Grade 11; New Albany High School, New Albany  
Title: Blooming Violin; digital art; Kevin Rose Schultz, art teacher

**Krystianna Hunt**, Grade 12; New Albany High School, New Albany  
Title: Floral Symphony; digital art; Kevin Rose Schultz, art teacher

**Alyssa McMillan**, Grade 12; Connersville High School; Connersville  
Title: Bough; acrylic; Janet Cain, art teacher

**Molly Miller**, Grade 11; Bloomington High School South, Bloomington  
Title: Mosaic; ink; Cynthia Chrzastowski, art teacher

**Hailey Packer**, Grade 12; Fairfield Jr. Sr. High School; Goshen  
Title: Star Dust; digital; Wendi Sparks, art teacher