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San Diego Museum of Art Presents *Young Art 2009: Expressing Literature*

San Diego, Calif. — *Young Art*, the [San Diego Museum of Art's](#) biennial exhibition of local student creativity, returns this year with more than 150 artworks on view at the Museum Sat., April 18 through Sun., May 31.

Young Art 2009: Expressing Literature features art inspired by literary works created by kindergarten through 12th grade students from San Diego city and county schools.

"SDMA has celebrated the achievements of San Diego students with exhibitions like *Young Art* virtually since the Museum's founding in 1926," said Derrick R. Cartwright, SDMA's executive director. "Regional awareness of our children's art education is greatly influenced by the exhibition."

To expose a greater number of people to *Young Art* and provide more children the opportunity to participate, an additional 150 works will be on display at nearly 10 San Diego public library branches.

"*Young Art* is just one way the Museum partners with local schools to promote and facilitate student enjoyment of visual culture," said Cartwright. "SDMA has a longstanding commitment to support art education in San Diego schools by offering free tours for learners of all ages, and creating programs, workshops, open houses and lesson plans for teachers."

Tours of the exhibition - led by middle and high school students whose work is featured in *Young Art* - will be available to the public Sunday, May 10 and May 17 at 3 p.m. Visitors can also learn how the exhibition came together by joining *Young Art* coordinator Amy Briere for a Gallery Talk Thursday, April 30 or Sunday, May 3 at 4 p.m.

In addition to the exhibit, SDMA will offer creative activities for the entire family. A series of public programs connecting literature with visual and performing arts will be available, and several literature-inspired works from the SDMA permanent collection and rare books from the SDMA Library will be on view in the exhibition.

Museum Information:

San Diego Museum of Art

1450 El Prado, Balboa Park
San Diego, Calif. 92101

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Group Sales: (619) 696-1915

Web site: www.sdmart.org

Hours: Tuesday – Saturday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Sunday, noon – 5 p.m.

Admission Prices: Adult \$10; Senior (65+) and Military with ID \$8; Student \$7; Youth (6-17) \$4. Children 5 and under are free. (Specially priced tickets may be required for certain exhibitions. Please contact the Museum for more information.)

The San Diego Museum of Art provides a rich and diverse cultural experience for more than 400,000 annual visitors. Located in the heart of beautiful Balboa Park, the Museum's nationally renowned collections include Spanish and Italian old masters, South Asian paintings, and 19th- and 20th-century American paintings and sculptures. In addition, the Museum regularly features major exhibitions of art from around the world, as well as an extensive year-round schedule of supporting cultural and educational programs for children and adults, as well as a research library. At SDMA exhibition text is always in English and Spanish.

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