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SOA Visual Artist Earns a Best in Show at SC State Fair!

For the second consecutive year a School of the Arts student has received highest honors at the state fair.

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NORTH CHARLESTON— On Tuesday, October 6, 2009 Charleston County School of the Arts was notified their Junior, Colleen Brennan, had earned "High School Best in Show" honors at the SC State Fair in Columbia. The State Fair awards ceremony will be held on Sunday, October 11 from 11-2.

Colleen Brennan, a junior from James island area, earned "High School Best in Show" for her colored pencil work was entitled "One Tablespoon Espresso". Chase Reinheld, a seventh grader from Isle of Palms, earned a second place for middle school with a piece entitled "Passion." High school second place was awarded to Eli Hayden, a freshman from James Island area. Hayden's piece was graphite on paper and was entitled "Under the Bridge." Seniors Maddie Moore and Kyle Heck both received high school third place. Isle of Palms resident, Maddie Moore's oil on wood piece entitled "O₂"; Kyle Heck, of Mount Pleasant, has a Found-Object Sculpture titled "Dragonfly."

Six "Merit Awards" were also earned. Brandon Ellis, a senior from Mount Pleasant area, entered a Found-Object Sculpture. Brandon's sculpture was a bird made of coins and was entitled "Money Flies." Junior, Drew Corriveau, used oil on canvas for his piece "On Ice." Sophomore, Angelica Halvarsson of Mount Pleasant received merit award for her acrylic on canvas piece entitled "His Twin Sister." Kayana Grimbald, a freshman from James Island, entered a graphite on paper piece entitled "Under the Bridge" and received merit status. Middle schoolers Amanda Kassman of Mount Pleasant and Kenneth Brabham of North Charleston received merit honors also. Eighth grader, Kassman submitted a piece which she called "Waiting for Darkness," and seventh grader, Brabham's prismacolor on paper was titled "Summer Breeze."

All entries were recent pieces from each of these students. All work has been created at School of the Arts since August 2009. Bravo to these students and their art instructors: Ms. Anne Cimbala, Mr. Ben Moore, and Mrs. Marie Nichols.

For more information regarding this event, please contact Principal James Reinhart or Andi Awkerman at 529-4990.

2 Photos Attached:

~Colleen Brennan, School of the Arts Visual Arts major. ~Group picture: School of the Arts State Fair Art winners: Left to right: Colleen Brennan, Angelica Havarsson, Drew Corriveau, Maddie Moore, Kyana Grimbald, Brandon Ellis, Kyle Heck, Chase Reinheld, and Eli Hayden