EXHIBITION AT DUKE UNIVERSITY MUSEUM OF ART
TO FEATURE WORKS BY LOCAL SCHOOL CHILDREN

DURHAM, N.C. – Students at the Durham School of the Arts will have their drawings, paintings and sculptures displayed in a special exhibition that opens Friday, May 28, at the Duke University Museum of Art.

The exhibit, titled “Particular Visions,” marks the third year in a row that the museum will feature artwork by students from the Durham School of the Arts. The museum is open to the public without charge.

The show, which runs through June 13, is a collection of works in a variety of media by about 100 students from the school. The pieces include not only drawings, paintings and sculptures, but also pastels, photographs, block prints, computer graphic work, pencil renderings, pen-and-ink and mixed media works.

The exhibition will be held in the North Gallery of the museum. The event will showcase works by students in grades 6-11. In all, there will be more than 100 pieces.

When the art teachers at the school began planning for the museum exhibition earlier this school year, they encouraged their students to take advantage of the opportunity.

“Having work exhibited is an important part of the artistic process because it allows artists to get feedback on their creations and to have a real-world exhibition experience,” said Michael Mezzatesta, museum director.

Judges from the school and the university selected the pieces that will make up the exhibit. The selection process was demanding and many of the items nominated were not chosen.

This year, the art teachers whose students are taking part in the exhibit are Kim Page, Rodney Berry, Shawn Davis, Larry Downing, Paul Evans, Carolyn Maynard and Darrell Thompson.

An opening reception will be held at the museum Friday, May 28, from 5-7 p.m. The reception is free and open to the public. The exhibition sponsors are the school, the museum, Duke’s Institute of the Arts, Duke’s Office of Community Affairs and WNCU 90.7-FM.
For more information about the Duke University Museum of Art, its exhibitions and events, call Ellen Graves or Nancy Sears at the museum office, (919) 684-5135.

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