

MYSTICARTSCENTER

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Annual Young at Art Show Opens at the Mystic Arts Center

MYSTIC, CT – February 15, 2007 – The annual *Young at Art* show opens Saturday, March 3rd and runs through Saturday, March 31st. The opening reception will be held on Saturday, March 3rd from 1-4 pm, and is free and open to the public. In the spirit of creativity, all children in attendance are invited to join Mystic Arts Center instructors in the KTJ Studios for an exciting art project.

The mission of the *Young at Art* exhibition is to showcase the artwork of local children age 18 and younger, to give them the opportunity to hang their art in a gallery setting and to view the work of their contemporaries. The goal of the Mystic Arts Center is to broaden their perspective of various artistic styles and approaches to the creative process. *Young at Art* supports the Mystic Arts Center's commitment to educational programs and to the significant value we place on programs enriching children's lives. Over the past two decades, the exhibition has grown into one of the Center's largest and most anticipated events. Typically drawing around 800 submissions and participation of over 40 schools, *Young at Art* fills every wall and available gallery space.

Submitted artwork will be categorized by age group and juried for awards which will be presented at 2 pm during the opening reception. This year's juror is Jane Seney, Director of Education at Lyman Allyn Art Museum. Prior to joining Lyman Allen Art Museum, Jane spent four years as a museum teacher at the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston and served as adjunct faculty in the Art History Department of Emmanuel College in Boston, the University of New Hampshire at Durham, and at Cambridge College for the National Institute for Teaching Excellence. Seney received her Master of Education, Arts Education, from Harvard University. She also earned a Master of Art History from Boston University and her BA from Colgate College.

This year, *Young at Art* is sponsored by Lil Maxwell's Children: Wes Maxwell, Carol Connor, Vicki Field, and Martha Maxwell, along with Steamboat Inn.

Mystic Arts Center is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting creativity, culture and community. Located on the Mystic River, the Mystic Arts Center houses a state-of-the-art education center that offers classes for both adults and children, stunning galleries which provide space for the permanent collection and varied juried, open, and invitational exhibitions

throughout the year, along with the opportunity to purchase fine art. The Center is also available to rent for functions such as weddings, private parties, and corporate events.

Located directly off Water Street in Historic Downtown Mystic, Mystic Arts Center is open daily from 11:00-5:00 with ample validated parking. A donation of \$2.00 per person is requested for admittance. For further information please call 860.536.7601 or visit us online at www.mysticarts.org Visit today!

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