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## **Youth Art Month**

### ***GRACE Art: Celebrating Creativity***

Sponsored by Sunrise Orthodontics

March 6 – March 14, 2015

### ***Emerging Visions: Reconstruction***

March 20 – April 4, 2015

Reston, VA: Greater Reston Arts Center celebrates Youth Art Month with two exhibitions dedicated to the artistic achievements of the area's youth. The *GRACE Art* exhibition features selected works from students from eight schools participating in the Center's signature art education program, *GRACE Art*. *Emerging Visions* features exceptional work from students at three local high schools, created in response to their engagement with the Center's winter exhibition, *LineWorks: Drawing Redefined*. *GRACE Art: Celebrating Creativity* will run from March 6 to March 14, and *Emerging Visions: Complexities* will run from March 20 to April 4, 2015, at the gallery, located in Reston Town Center.

#### ***GRACE Art: Celebrating Creativity***

This exhibition highlights work from the long-standing GRACE Art program. Nearly 40 area schools participate in this program, in which trained classroom volunteers deliver an interactive art history lesson with materials and visuals supplied by GRACE, followed by a related hands-on art project. Selected student projects from nine participating schools will be presented at GRACE, promoting the impact of this important visual art literacy program. This year gallery visitors of all ages will have the opportunity to participate in hands-on art activities related to each school's display.

#### **Participating schools:**

Academy of Christian Education  
Aldrin Elementary School  
Armstrong Elementary School  
Arris Montessori School  
The Boyd School  
Forestville Elementary School  
Little Run Elementary School  
Oakton Elementary School  
Ravensworth Elementary School

The artwork in the exhibit was inspired by ten different portfolios presented in the schools this year, including: Pablo Picasso, Wassily Kandinsky, David Hockney, Auguste Renoir, Vincent van Gogh, Public Artwork, Georgia O'Keefe, Romare Bearden, and the Lascaux Cave Paintings.

Schools that are interested in finding out more about the *GRACE Art* program can contact the Greater Reston Arts Center at 703-471-9242 or [info@restonarts.org](mailto:info@restonarts.org).

The *GRACE Art* exhibition is generously sponsored by Dr. Liliana Calkins of Sunrise Orthodontics ([www.sunrise-orthodontics.com](http://www.sunrise-orthodontics.com)) in appreciation of the artistic efforts of the area's youth, and in recognition of the importance of local art.

**Opening Reception: Saturday, March 7, 5-7pm**

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## ***Emerging Visions: Reconstruction***

*Emerging Visions* offers Fairfax County high school students the annual opportunity to work directly with GRACE's curatorial staff to create competent artworks that will be exhibited in the gallery. Participating students have committed themselves to the success of this project and have worked hard to achieve their artistic goals beyond the boundaries of the art classroom. Students have addressed the theme of *Reconstruction* by creating artwork exploring memory, identity, relationships, and life cycles. The students have created engaging work in a variety of media including sculpture, photography, painting, drawing, mixed media and more.

### **Participating schools:**

Herndon High School  
Oakton High School  
South Lakes High School

**Opening Reception: Friday, March 20, 6-8pm**

### **Image credits:**

Mahmod Abdallah, Paul Klee portfolio project, 2014  
Katie Douglas, *Removing the Mask*, photograph from *Emerging Visions*, 2014

### **Gallery Hours:**

Tuesday – Saturday 11am – 5pm

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