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Image credit: Installation view of *Emerging Visions: Becoming* at Greater Reston Arts Center, 2018  
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## **Greater Reston Arts Center (GRACE) showcases artwork from its new Emerging Visions program**

Reston, VA: The Greater Reston Arts Center (GRACE) presents *Emerging Visions*, a group exhibition featuring select artwork by students participating in the Center’s signature education program, Emerging Visions. The exhibition will be on view March 2–30, 2018 at the gallery located at the Reston Town Center.

Through the Emerging Visions program, GRACE takes its mission to enrich community life by promoting involvement and excellence in contemporary visual arts beyond its walls. This year, GRACE reworked its Emerging Visions program in close conversation with Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) administrators and educators to include all gradelevels, K–12. Based on Caitlin Teal Price’s 2018 exhibition, *Green is the Secret Color To Make Gold*, GRACE, with FCPS art educators, developed content and supporting concepts to integrate into classroom curriculum. Educators, students, and their families were invited to view the exhibition and meet the curator and artist. Students were then given the opportunity to respond to the theme by creating their own artwork in any medium. Students created artwork in response, a selection of which is exhibited in the *Emerging Visions* exhibition during Youth Art Month.

“Over the years GRACE has become known and loved for its GRACE Art and Emerging Visions art enrichment programs,” says GRACE Executive Director and Curator Lily Siegel. “With the generous support of ARTSFAIRFAX and our sponsor Articulate we are now able to take the best parts of our existing programs, expand those in close conversation with FCPS, and make a greater impact on more young artists.”

This is the first time that elementary and middle schools were invited to participate in the Emerging Visions program and exhibition. In addition to the three longstanding participating FCPS high school—Herndon High School, Oakton High School, South Lakes High School—GRACE welcomes four new schools—Dogwood Elementary School, Hunters Woods Elementary School, Hutchinson Elementary School, and Rachel Carson Middle School.

GRACE will be hosting an Open Mic in conjunction with the exhibition. All performing artists 18-years and under

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are invited to participate.

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## **Programs and events**

Opening Reception: March 2, 5–7pm

Meditation Workshop: Contemplating Creativity: March 7, 7–8:30

GRACE Family Day: March 16, 11–3pm

Open Mic: March 16, 2–4 pm

All free and open to the public. For more information please visit [restonarts.org](http://restonarts.org).

## **About GRACE**

The Greater Reston Arts Center (GRACE) serves 80,000 people annually, providing Virginia, Maryland, and DC's diverse communities with abundant opportunities to experience and explore contemporary art through exhibitions, education programming, and the Northern Virginia Fine Arts Festival. Greater Reston Arts Center strives to increase understanding of different cultures through art, brings diverse audiences together around a common interest, and ensures access and opportunity for engagement in the arts to all residents, regardless of age, race, ethnicity, or income. Admission to the GRACE gallery is always FREE, as are most programs.

GRACE gratefully acknowledges the leadership of its Board of Directors and the support of its sponsors, members, and patrons. GRACE is a Virginia Commission for the Arts "50 for 50 Arts Inspiration Award" winner in the category of Bedrock Institutions and is supported in part by ARTSFAIRFAX, Reston Community Center, Virginia Commission for the Arts, and the National Endowment for the Arts.

