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### **33RD ANNUAL RISING STARS HIGHLIGHTS MARIN'S BRIGHTEST HIGH SCHOOL ARTISTS**

More than 130 young artists submitted their artwork for Youth in Arts' annual RISING STARS exhibit. The show, in its 33rd year, features the best high school artists from public, private and alternative schools across Marin County.

The showcase runs February 10 through April 12. It features drawings, paintings, photographs, prints, sculptures, mixed media, and digital artwork from emerging youth artists. The art is on display at the YIA Gallery at 917 C St. in the Downtown San Rafael Arts District, weekdays from 11 am to 4 pm. Admission is free.

Visual art teachers from 14 Marin County high schools nominated their top 12 students for the juried show. Winners were announced on Saturday, February 10, at an artists' award reception from 2 to 4 pm at the YIA Gallery, with the top prize going to Lucia King from Marin Catholic High School. A full list of winners can be found below.

"Every year, the dedication and creativity of Marin's high school students continue to impress us," shared Executive Director, Kristen Jacobson. "It's a joy to showcase their thoughtful and innovative work, providing our community with a glimpse into the unique youth voices shaping the local artistic landscape."

The exhibition was blindly adjudicated on February 6th. This year's judges were renowned gallery owner, Sarah Shepard, and Marin Open Studios founder, Kay Carlson. Sponsors include College of Marin, RileyStreet Art Supply, Marin Open Studios, The Laurel Graver & Scott Kaplan Family Trust, and Naomi Tamura & Ali Rezaian.

Participants include Archie Williams High School, Marin Academy, Marin Catholic High School, Marin School of the Arts, Novato High School, Redwood High School, San Domenico School, San Marin High School, San Rafael High School, Tamalpais High School, TeamWorks, Terra Linda High School, The Branson School, and Tomales High School.

Artist Susan Diglioni founded RISING STARS in 1991, believing that young artists should be recognized for their talents. The show has been championed and perpetuated by long-time board member, Sheila Tuffanelli since she brought it to Youth in Arts in 2011.

## RISING STARS 2024 Award Winners

Best in Show – Lucia King, Marin Catholic High School  
Best Drawing – Avani Mahyavanshi, San Rafael High School  
Best Mixed Media – Eleanor Lawson, Redwood High School  
Best Painting – Zoe Albukerk, Marin Academy  
Best Photograph – Iris Weiner, Marin Academy  
Best Sculpture – Max Boyd, Tamalpais High School  
Merit Drawing – Yadriel Gonzalez, Novato High School  
Merit Mixed Media – Dila Koksai, Redwood High School  
Merit Painting – Laina Norwood, Tamalpais High School  
Merit Photography – Sadie Snipes, The Branson School  
Merit Sculpture – Lucy Sugarman, Marin Catholic High School  
Honorable Mention Drawing – Quinlyn Kennel, Tamalpais High School  
Honorable Mention Mixed Media – Emma Onstott, Terra Linda High School  
Honorable Mention Painting – Anna Han, The Branson School  
Honorable Mention Painting – Zhalet Baharestan, San Domenico School  
Honorable Mention Painting – Zoe Lyko, Tamalpais High School  
Honorable Mention Photography – Ewan Smith, Marin Academy  
Honorable Mention Photography – Skye Guyot, Tamalpais High School  
Honorable Mention Sculpture – Ashley Quevedo, San Rafael High School  
Honorable Mention Sculpture – Kate Sugar, The Branson School  
Honorable Mention Sculpture – Kaden Halboth, Marin Catholic High School  
Honorable Mention Sculpture – Olivia Nash, Novato High School  
Graver/Kaplan Prize – Keila Washburn, Redwood High School  
Graver/Kaplan Prize – Marlo Bauer, Novato High School  
Graver/Kaplan Prize – Maggie Kelly, Redwood High School  
RileyStreet Prize – Carter West, The Branson School  
RileyStreet Prize – Kalea Arian, Novato High School  
RileyStreet Prize – Maeve Kennedy, San Domenico School  
RileyStreet Prize – Thea Palmer, Novato High School  
Sheila Tuffanelli Prize – Alexandra Collier-Lake, San Domenico School  
Tamura/Rezaian Prize – Bodhi Dunkel Wilker, Tamalpais High School  
Tamura/Rezaian Prize – Callie Zimmerman, Marin Academy

