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## Winners of 2022 high school visual arts competition announced

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Best of Show in the 2D category, Katie Lee "Controlling the Youth" Photo courtesy Lamorinda Arts Council

From the hundreds of artworks submitted for the annual Lamorinda Arts Council high school visual arts competition, judges selected nearly two dozen winners, who received certificates of recognition at a reception at the Orinda Library gallery on the evening of March 10. The reception was well attended, as one of the first inperson live events since the COVID-19 pandemic and restrictions. While masks were not required, most attendees continued to wear masks in the close environment. The Bentley School Jazz Band entertained on the Richard Heggie Plaza.

The exhibition will be on display at the Library gallery through the month of March. After that, it will remain on display on the Lamorinda Arts Council's website for a year.

The Best of Show award went to Katie Lee, a senior at Bentley for her piece entitled, "Controlling the Youth" in the 2D category. Her teacher is Kelsey Jones. Other awards in the 2D category included: 1st Place - "Pieces of Identity" by Natalie Mangani, Las Lomas, 10th Grade, Teacher: Jessica Jurgens; 2nd Place - "Distance" by Kallie Cheung, Las Lomas, 12th Grade, Teacher: Jessica

Jurgens; 3rd Place - "I'm So Blue All the Time" by Ava von Behren, Bentley, 12th Grade, Teacher: Kelsey Jones. Honorable Mentions went to "Untitled" by Andrea Liu, Bentley, 11th Grade, Teacher: Kelsey Jones; "Gateshead" by Kaitlyn Yasumura, Carondelet, 10th Grade, Teacher: Darla Sur; and "Daucus" by Claudia Cruse, Campolindo, 12th Grade, Teacher: Heidi Cabra.

In the 3D category, awards went to 1st Place - "Get Yourself Together" by Emma Ngo, Campolindo, 11th Grade, Artwork Created Independently; 2nd Place - "Owlberry" by Indie Lee, Miramonte, 10th Grade, Artwork Created Independently; and 3rd Place - "Summoning" by Holden Bennett, Bentley, 9th Grade, Teacher: Aram Muksian. Honorable Mentions were given to "Societal Confinement" by Emile Starkweather, Bentley, 12th Grade, Teacher: Michelle Cho; "Body Image to the Core" by Kate Lee, Bentley, 12th Grade, Teacher: Kelsey Jones; and Untitled (Hammer) by Walter Yip, Bentley, 11th Grade, Teacher: Aram Muksian.

Photography Awards included: 1st Place - "Ambiguity" by Emma Ngo, Campolindo, 11th Grade, Teacher: Collette Sweeney; 2nd Place - "Ataraxia" by Avery Sims, Bentley, 11th Grade, Teacher: Aram Muksian; and 3rd Place - "Self Portrait of a Pianist" by Sydney Zhang, Campolindo, 11th Grade, Teacher: Collette Sweeney. Honorable Mentions were awarded to "Driving in the Rain" by Leonardo Siu, Bentley, 11th Grade, Artwork Created Independently; and "Untitled" by Leyla Nabipour, Campolindo, 11th Grade, Teacher: Collette Sweeney.

The Lamorinda Arts Alliance Digital Art Awards were as follows: 1st Place - "Different Perspective" by Jeanette Lavoie, Campolindo, 12th Grade, Artwork Created Independently; 2nd Place - "Explosion of Color" by Irene Yoon, College Prep, 11th Grade, Teacher: Yousun Kim; and 3rd Place - "Chronic" by Charles Platt, Miramonte, 11th Grade, Teacher: Stacey Churchill. Honorable Mentions in this category went to "Bending Dimensions" by Benjamin Randall, Bentley, 12th Grade, Teacher: Aram Muksian; and "Purple" by Vivian Tolajian, Campolindo, 9th Grade, Teacher: Collette Sweeney.



First Place in the 3D category, Emma Ngo "Get Yourself Together" Photos Sora O'Doherty



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