

Tenth Annual  
**LONG ISLAND'S BEST:**  
Young Artists at the Heckscher  
**2006**

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6 pm to 8 pm



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The Heckscher Museum of Art is dedicated to enriching the lives of students through dynamic connections between works of art and valuable hands-on learning experiences. To further encourage the use of the Museum as a rich resource in a high school student's life, we developed our Arts-in-Education initiative, *Long Island's Best: Young Artists at the Heckscher*. This program culminates in a three-week long exhibition of works by outstanding high school art students from throughout Long Island.

Ninth through twelfth grade high school art students are encouraged to participate in our program. Schools are offered the option of attending one of our *School Discovery Programs*, sending students to the Museum on their own time, or both. Visiting students are then asked to create original artworks that are inspired by works of art viewed at the Heckscher.

We ask the participating students to write artist statements connecting their works to their sources of inspiration at the Heckscher. The students are further asked to submit their works in a professional manner for jurying by our Chief Curator, Dr. Kenneth Wayne. This year **40 high schools** representing **31 school districts** participated in the process, **22 schools from Suffolk** and **18 schools from Nassau County**. There were over **280 entries received** with **80 selected for inclusion** in this year's exhibition.

The second class of the Heckscher-Ursdan Student Art Institute will be inducted this evening. This program will begin in July and take 14 high school visual arts students on a unique artistic journey of creation, exploration, and career preparation. Interested students can learn more about this program by visiting [www.heckscher.org](http://www.heckscher.org).

We congratulate all of the participants in this year's *Long Island's Best: Young Artists at the Heckscher* for their commitment, dedication, creativity, and talent.

**THE EDUCATION STAFF**

**Joy Weiner**, Director of Education and Public Programs  
**Kristina Seekamp**, Coordinator of School and Youth Programs  
**Lydia Robinson**, Museum Educator  
**Lucy Taylor**, Coordinator of Docents and Adult Programs  
**Jerene Weitman**, Coordinator of Public Programs

## **PROGRAM**

### **Welcome and Introductory Comments**

7:00 pm

Beth E. Levinthal, *Executive Director*

*The Heckscher Museum of Art*

Stuart P. Besen, *Town of Huntington Councilman*

*Honorary Host*

### **Special Thank You**

*Citigroup Foundation*

### **Announcement of 2006-2007 Class Heckscher-Usdan Student Art Institute**

Dale Lewis, *Executive Director*

Andrew Copper, *Director of Student Services*

*Usdan Center for Creative and Performing Arts*

Joy Weiner, *Director of Education and Public Programs*

*The Heckscher Museum of Art*

### **Renzo S. Bianchi Scholarship Awards**

Presented by Lynette Bianchi

### **Achievement Award Winners and Honorable Mentions**

Presented by Joy Weiner

### **Heckscher Award Winners**

Presented by Dr. Kenneth Wayne, *Chief Curator*

*The Heckscher Museum of Art*

### **Clark University Student Art Prize**

Presented by Danielle Early

*Associate Director of Admissions, Clark University*

### **Closing Remarks**

Beth E. Levinthal, *Executive Director*

*The Heckscher Museum of Art*

# Long Island's Best 2006 Exhibiting Artists

## Bayport-Bluepoint High School

Joseph Sopp\*

## Bellport High School

Selahattin Baskurt

## Brentwood High School

Peter Lee

Wanda Rivera

## Division Avenue High School

Stephanie Ciotti

## General MacArthur High School

SooJin Hong

## Half Hollow Hills High School East

Anna Boyd

Ashley Handlin

Robert McEnaney

Jared Saunders

Ilana Ventura

## Half Hollow Hills High School West

Jennifer Chan

Gabrielle Korn

## Heckscher-Usdan Student Art Institute

Emily McMahon

Maria Pontillo\*/∇

Lindsey Snyder

## Herricks High School

Chelsea Mak

Jessica Merkel

Rashmi Momaya

## Hicksville High School

Daniela Bruzzi

Sara Crespo

Kunal Ghai

Jennifer Puccio\*\*

Monica Singh

Paige Sommers

Kristie Waters\*\*

## Huntington High School

Daniel Frank\*/∇

Brentus Gentile

Leah Teplin\*

## Islip High School

Krystal Ricciardella

## Jericho High School

Geerin Kim

Alexandra Machover\*

## Kings Park High School

Nicole Meyerson

## Lawrence High School

Angelica Vasquez

## Lawrence-Woodmere Academy

Nicole Mishan\*

Tzu-Chun Yang

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\*\*\*\*Clark University Art Prize  
\*\*\*Heckscher Award Winner  
\*\* Achievement Award Winner  
\* Honorable Mention

∇ Renzo S. Bianchi Scholarship Award Winner

# Long Island's Best 2006 Exhibiting Artists

## Long Beach High School

Rachel Cabrera  
Jamie Edindjiklian  
Brandon Panzarella

## Longwood High School

Gary Hoffman\*

## Manhasset High School

Daniel Can\*\*  
Edith Park\*\*\*\*  
Jennifer Tricarico\*

## Mineola High School

Melissa Makowski

## Nassau BOCES

### Cultural Arts Center

Jessica Straube\*

## North Babylon High School

Josh Early

## Northport High School

Pat Sullivan\*\*\*  
Irene Haji-Georgi

## Our Lady of Mercy Academy

Lindsay Scarpitta

## Patchogue-Medford

### High School

Melanie De Loney

## Plainview-Old Bethpage

### JFK High School

Morgan Carbone  
Genna Kim  
Angela Lau\*\*\*

## Portledge School

Sarah Karp  
Catherine Litke

## Sachem High School East

Amanda Henderson

## Sachem High School North

Holly Brookfield  
Lisa Fiore\*\*

## Sayville High School

Margaret Cervený

## Syosset High School

Stefania Sicurelli  
Elizabeth Rosenzweig\*\*\*

## Uniondale High School

Alicia Salas  
Jessenia Jijon

## Walt Whitman High School

Amanda Bayley  
Elizabeth Friedman  
Elizabeth Latten  
Caitlin Schneider\*/  
Chloe Seibert

## Wantagh High School

Alyssa Cerchia  
Christina Giordano\*  
Amanda McNulty\*\*  
Marielle Ortiz

## West Babylon High School

Andrew May ✓  
Robert Samartino  
Kate Yearsley

## Wyandanch High School

Stephanie Diaz  
Ernest Dockery\*  
Raymond Fuller ✓  
Brian Jackson ✓  
Billy Ward

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## **Bayport- Blue Point High School**

Dr. Peter Sellitto, Principal  
Florence Spina, Lead Art Teacher  
Frank Salino, Art Teacher

## **Bellport High School**

Lois Etzel, Principal  
Juliette Marotta, Art Department  
Chairperson

## **Brentwood High School**

Thomas A. O'Brien, Principal  
Lorraine Sopp, Coordinator of Art  
Andrea Alexander, Art Teacher  
Brian Ortiz, Art Teacher

## **Cold Spring Harbor High School**

Dr. Thomas Dolan, Principal  
Rosemary Folks, Art Coordinator  
Howard Nepo, Art Teacher

## **Division Avenue High School**

Kathy Valentino, Principal  
Timothy Ryan, Art Teacher

## **General MacArthur High School**

John Bifulco, Principal  
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## **Half Hollow Hills High School East**

Albert Kindelmann, Principal  
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Denise Corazón, Art Teacher  
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Chairperson

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Joan Deem, Art Teacher  
Angela Galante, Art Teacher

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Rob Verone, Art Teacher

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### **Longwood High School**

Catherine Kalina, Principal  
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Gary Lester, Art Teacher

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Robert Amster, Principal  
Debra Ronning, Art Teacher

### **Plainview-Old Bethpage JFK High School**

James Murray, Principal  
Judith Chen, Director of Art  
Jennifer Beinlich, Art Teacher  
Warren Jacobson, Art Teacher  
Diana Marinovic, Art Teacher  
Rochelle Morgan, Art Teacher

### **Portledge School**

Hugh Gregory, Headmaster  
Doris Bentor, Art Department Head  
John Greene, Art Teacher

### **Sachem High School East**

John Aleksak, Principal  
Bill Pagano, Coordinator of Arts  
Ellen Schneider, Art Teacher  
Patricia Yantz, Art Teacher

### **Sachem High School North**

James Nolan, Principal  
Bill Pagano, Coordinator of Arts  
Ellie Mangino, Art Teacher

### **Sayville High School**

Joseph Buderman, Principal  
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Michele Librett, Art Teacher  
Amy Sue McPartlan, Art Teacher

### **West Babylon High School**

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