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40 North | 88 West Announces Winners of the 5th Annual ERIC SHOW

Students from 14 area high schools compete at juried art show

Champaign County — 40 North | 88 West - Champaign County Arts Council – is thrilled to announce the winners of the fifth annual Eric Show, a juried exhibition featuring artwork from 14 area high schools. This extraordinary show is endowed by Dale and Peg Steffensen in memory of Dale’s son Eric (1951-1970).

BEST IN SHOW: Jesse Galaway, “Destitute” - ink, Monticello High School

1st Place: Niallan O’Brien, “Transient Horizon” - colored pencil, Champaign Central High School

2nd Place: Michael Kilby, “Self-portrait” - linoleum print, Monticello High School

3rd Place: Regan Kelley, “War Time Heroes”- mixed media, The High School of St. Thomas More

HONORABLE MENTIONS:

- Rachel Chung, “Jan”- graphite & charcoal, Centennial High School
- Allison Kelley, “I’m late. I’m late. For a very important date.”- scratchboard, Rantoul Township High School
- Anthony Bonadies, “Perspective” - ceramic & watercolor, The High School of St. Thomas More
- Kirsten Campbell, “Pigs” - scratchboard, St. Joseph-Ogden High School
- Cole Cary, “Pickle”- pastel, Monticello High School
- Natalie Akins, “Urban Topography”- collage, Champaign Central High School

Throughout high school, Eric won countless awards for his artwork and demonstrated remarkable potential. He was working with Rob Fisher, then a sculpture professor at the University of Illinois, and preparing his portfolio with plans of becoming an art major at UIUC. Eric had graduated a semester early from Urbana High School but while driving home from a hockey game in early 1970, he was killed by a drunk driver at the corner of Race and Michigan streets in Urbana.

The Eric Show honors Eric’s creative legacy as well as encourages and inspires the amazing young artists of this community.

The show will be on display through March 28.

Sunday-Thursday, 7am-12am

Friday-Saturday, 7am-1am

The Illini Union Art Gallery is located in the far northwest corner of the Illini Union on the main floor.

About 40 North

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