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UIC STUDENT WINS GOVERNOR’S AWARD
IN STATE ARTISTS COMPETITION

SPRINGFIELD – Marigold Goetz of LaGrange, a student at the University of Illinois at Chicago, has been named recipient of the Governor’s Medallion of Excellence for her oil painting, “Princess and the Peacock,” in the 2006 Annual Collegiate Artists Competition.

Elliot Regenstein, Director of School Reform for the Office of the Governor, presented the Governor’s Medallion, one of four purchase prizes awarded at the Awards in Excellence Ceremony for the third annual competition, held Saturday, May 6, 2006, at Robert Morris College in Chicago.

The juried competition was sponsored by Governor Rod Blagojevich, the Illinois Board of Higher Education, the Illinois Community College Board, the Federation of Independent Illinois Colleges and Universities, and the Illinois higher education community.

Goetz was among 289 students who submitted 699 entries for the 2006 competition. Phyllis Bramson, a nationally renowned painter from Chicago, served as juror. In all, Bramson selected 55 finalists, including the four purchase award winners, five winners in artistic categories, and two honorable mentions for the awards ceremony held at Robert Morris College.

An exhibit of the 2006 competition is open to the public at the Robert Morris State Street Gallery, at 401 South State Street in Chicago, through June 16.
Other purchase award winners include:

- Kristin Haas of Des Plaines, winner of the Illinois Board of Higher Education Prize for her acrylic on masonite, “Cityscape.” She is a student at Northeastern Illinois University.
- Whitney M. Johnson of Rockford, winner of the Federation of Independent Illinois Colleges and Universities Award for her painting, “Self Portrait as Bald.” She is a student at Western Illinois University.
- Jason Vote of Joliet, winner of the Illinois Community College Board Award, for his drawing, “Invisible (Self Portrait).” He is a student at Joliet Junior College.

Category winners include:

- Linda Brady of Belleville, winner in drawing for her charcoal drawing, entitled, “Rembrandt.” She is a student at Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville.
- Susan Fleming of Powell, Ohio, winner in electronic media for her work, entitled, “Kaleidoscope.” She is a student at Olivet Nazarene University.
- Salvador Jimenez of Chicago, winner in painting for his mixed media work, entitled, “I.” He is a student at Robert Morris College.
- Jason Schipkowski of Edwardsville, winner in photography, for his photograph, “Untitled #2.” He is a student at Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville.
- Helena Langley of Granite City, winner in sculpture, for her work entitled, “Walk With Me.” She is a student at Southwestern Illinois College.

Honorable Mention recipients include:

- Leroy Stevens of Arlington Heights for his acrylic on canvas, “Spotlight 88.” He is a student at the University of Illinois at Chicago.
- Bryan Yelk of Ashland for his sculpture, “A Symbol of Might & Memory.” He is a student at Western Illinois University.

Finalists for the 2006 Annual Collegiate Artists Competition include:

- Rebekah Brown of Ludington, Michigan, a student at Greenville College, for mixed media, entitled, “Disposable Dress IV.”
• Paige Brubeck of Chicago, a student at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, for an electronic work, entitled, “Nervous Habit.”
• Tyanna Buie of Macomb, a student at Western Illinois University, for a print, entitled, “Forest.”
• Kristen Burke of Lockport, a student at Dominican University, for her painting, “Running Water.”
• Erica Buss of Manchester, Missouri, a student at Bradley University, for her painting, “I’m Not Ready to be Institutionalized.”
• Chen Li Chang of Chicago, a student at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, for an oil painting, entitled, “Chang’s Newlywed.”
• Liz Cockrum of Hoffman Estates, a student at Harper College, for her photograph, “Katelyn.”
• Jeremy Crawford of Stonefort, a student at John A. Logan College, for his sculpture, “Identity Book.”
• Esteban del Valle of Chicago, a student at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, for his painting, “Father and Child.”
• Judy Dethmers of Effingham, a student at Parkland College, for her painting, “Education Pays.”
• Natalie Doolittle of Elgin, a student at Judson College, for her drawing, “Riddance of Materialism.”
• Gina Ferguson of North Aurora, a student at Elmhurst College, for her photograph, “Mama’s Little Helper.”
• Michelle Fernandez of Roselle, a student at the Illinois Institute of Art, for her painting, “Painting Itself (red).”
• J. Morgan Ferry of Peoria, a student at Bradley University, for printmaking, “Heroes.”
• Brian Galbreath of Coal City, a student at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, for his sculpture, “Table Lamp.”
• Elizabeth Gresey of Streamwood, a student at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, for her photograph, “Yvonne.”
• Tyler Harris of Springfield, a student at Springfield College in Illinois, for his drawing, “Sleeping Giant.”
• Jessica Harvey of Minooka, a student at Columbia College Chicago, for a photograph, entitled, “Color Door.”
• Melissa Heintzelman of Joliet, a student at Joliet Junior College, for a painting, “Crispin Hellion Glover.”
• Flannery Inman of Chicago, a student at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, for a painting, “Nude #1.”
• Nate Jones of Centralia, a student at Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville, for photolithography, entitled, “The Emotional Propagandists.”
• Crystal Kepple of Avon, a student at Western Illinois University, for a painting, “Deepening Darkness.”
• Sarah Kibblesmith of Oak Park, a student at Triton College, for a charcoal drawing, “Creepy Clown.”
• Kristen Koenig-Morel of Evanston, a student at Oakton Community College, for her drawing, “Everyday.”
• Jennifer Krantz of Machesney Park, a student at Northern Illinois University, for her painting, “Invisible Gem.”
• Cheng-Yung Kuo of Homewood, a student at South Suburban College, for a photograph, “Reflection on Reality #20.”
• Cynthia Lehman of Oswego, a student at College of DuPage, for her photograph, “Chicago Life.”
• Joseph Lekas of Glenview, a student at Dominican University, for his photograph, “Aquatic Sky.”
• Thomas Lewandowski of Chicago, a student at Westwood College of Technology, for his photograph, “Bug World.”
• Colleen McCarty of Rock Island, a student at Augustana College, for her painting, “Submerged.”
• Mark Neil, a student at Principia College, for a graphite drawing, entitled, “MMMNM.”
- Michelle Phillips of Maple Park, a student at Western Illinois University, for her silkscreen, “A Dream Lacking Serenity.”
- Roger Popwell of Belleville, a student at Southwestern Illinois College, for a digital photograph, “Landscape.”
- Michelle Ramirez of Chicago, a student at Northern Illinois University, for her fiber work, “Untitled.”
- Katie Rask of St. Louis, Missouri, a student at Dominican University, for her photograph, “Glass Bricks.”
- Leif Sandberg of Chicago, a student at University of Illinois at Chicago, for his watercolor, “Saga of the Greenlanders.”
- Denise Schilling of Smithton, a student at Southwestern Illinois College, for digital imaging, “Lady.”
- Dan Sloan of Chicago, a student at University of Illinois at Chicago, for his painting, “White Sneakers & Camaro.”
- Rachel Smith of Normal, a student at Illinois State University, for her sand cast glass, “Glass Fashion Barbie I/Glass Fashion Barbie II.”
- Charles Taylor of Macomb, a student at Western Illinois University, for printmaking, entitled, “Fake Suicide Man.”
- Meghan Toppel of Hometown, a student at Dominican University, for digital photography, “Untitled.”
- Nicole Valle of Calumet City, a student at South Suburban College for her oil painting, entitled, “Bridgeton Mill.”
- Holly Wade of Herrin, a student at John A. Logan College, for her drawing, “Frank Sinatra’s Bowling Pin.”
- Chad Williamsen of Omaha, Nebraska, a student at Dominican University, for his photograph, “Original Scans.”

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