



Press Release - For Immediate Release

Announcing the Winners of Your Art Here's 5th annual youth art billboard competition, *Billboard Generation V*, beginning March 1st

Your Art Here (YAH) is pleased to announce the winning artworks of the fifth annual youth art billboard competition, *Billboard Generation V*. In celebration of National Youth Art Month, YAH asked kids to make art on the topic "**Be the Media: What Would You Say?**" Six works of art made by grade through high school students will be on display starting March 1st on billboards in Bloomington and Indianapolis.

The Billboard Generation Project gives kids the opportunity to express themselves to the community through visual dialogue. This year's topic is inspired not only by YAH's own mission, but also by the increasing ubiquity and diversity of media in our daily lives. Today's media extends beyond the more traditional vehicles of communication such as newspapers, magazines, television, radio, etc. to include the Internet, video, electronic mail, blogs, podcasts, etc., all of which have generated an increased volume of media output and intake. This year's topic encourages kids to consider the affect of mass media on their everyday lives. They are given the chance to "be the media" and realize the power of their own voice while considering the impact it can have on their community and the public-at-large.

By providing public advertising spaces for youth art we hope to encourage thought on how to enrich our community through visual dialogue. Through this project we want to instill in kids the desire, knowledge, and confidence that will allow them to engage their community and world throughout their lives.

Locations of Bloomington Billboards:

- *Don't Litter* by Nicolas, Arlington Heights Elementary School, 4th Street, 100 ft East of Walnut
- *Do Anything to Help Our Community* by Alena, Unionville Elementary School, SR 45 West of St Rd 37 / Leonard Springs Road
- *Freedom* by Stephanie, Jackson Creek Middle School, SR 37 South of Bus Street
- *Untitled* by Ryan, Bloomington High School North, 101 E. 6th St.

Locations of Indianapolis Billboards:

- *Is No News Good News?* by Jonathan, Broad Ripple High School, 888 Massachusetts Ave.
- *Celebrity* by Dynesha, Broad Ripple High School, 922 Massachusetts Ave.

Important Dates

- March 1st Billboard Generation V Opens!
- March 8th at 7pm, Reception at the John Waldron Arts Center, Bloomington
- March 9th Your Art Here / Art Hospital Art Auction and Benefit Show at Art Hospital, Bands: Racebannon, Mouthbreather, and more!

For more information please email mail@yourartthere.org, call (812) 219-7222 or visit www.yourartthere.org. To download high resolution images of the winning artwork, visit <http://yourartthere.org/projects/billboardgeneration/bbg5/press.php>.

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