



Press Release

For Immediate Release

7th Annual Youth Art Billboard Competition Sponsored by Your Art Here Bloomington, IN

Your Art Here (YAH) is pleased to announce the seventh annual youth art billboard competition, Billboard Generation VII. In celebration of National Youth Art Month in March of 2009, Your Art Here is asking kids to make art on the topic **“Sustainability: Living in Balance.”** Chosen artwork from grade school through high school will be displayed on billboards in Bloomington and Indianapolis during March of 2009.

This year, Your Art Here is asking for entries from your students that address the topic: **Sustainability: Living in Balance.** This year’s topic is inspired by the ongoing struggle between living on Earth and keeping Earth alive. The theme encourages children to consider how their actions and the actions of their communities affect the Earth and, if they could send a message to their communities about living in balance, what would they say?

This year’s topic will enable youth, through visual expression, to explore what it means to live a balanced life. Sustainability covers many different aspects, from recycling to reducing carbon footprints to living reasonably with a balance between work and play. Any of these areas provide great opportunities for the unique perspective offered only by young artists.

- Entry forms and other projects materials such as posters, lesson guides, and resources are available at www.yourartthere.org.
- Packets can also be picked up at the Monroe County Public Library (MCPL) Children’s Department, at 303 E. Kirkwood Avenue, between 9am-9pm Monday through Thursday, 9am-6pm Friday, 9am-5pm Saturday, and 1pm-5pm Sunday.
- On January 15, 2009 from 7:00-8:30pm, Bloomington Science Café (<http://www.sciencecafebloomington.org>) will host a special Science Café event at Borders Café in Eastland Plaza about sustainability for students Grades 9-12. Check out their web site for full details.
- On January 24, 2009 from 2:00-4:00pm, YAH will offer a program at the Monroe County Public Library for children Grades K-6. The art they make will be entered in the billboard competition.
- Entries are due on Monday, January 26, 2009 by 5pm and should be mailed to Your Art Here at the following address:

Your Art Here
1419 South Washington Street
Bloomington, IN 47401

Important Dates

January 15th: 7-8:30pm: Bloomington Science Café for students Grades 9-12 at Borders Café in Eastland Plaza

January 24th: 2-4pm: Billboard-making workshop for children Grades K-6 at MCPL

January 26th: Entries are due to Your Art Here by 5pm

March 1st-31st: BBG VII Youth Art Billboards are on display in Bloomington and Indianapolis

Early March: Exhibition and ceremony in Bloomington (dates and locations TBA)

For information about participating in BBGVII, please email mail@yourartthere.org, call (812) 219-7222, or visit www.yourartthere.org. For press information please email mail@yourartthere.org, or call (812) 327-3993.

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