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1 Local students recognized with Scholastic Art & Writing
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5 The Brattleboro Museum & Art Center (BMAC) recently
6 announced that 167 young artists and writers from across
7 Vermont have been recognized by the Scholastic Art & Writing
8 Awards for their exceptional artistic and literary talent.

9 The students' award-winning artwork and writing will be
10 exhibited at BMAC from Friday, Feb. 20, to March 6. An awards
11 ceremony will take place at the museum Saturday, March 7, at

12 noon. The ceremony is free and open to the public. Doors open
13 at 10 a.m. Cartoonist and illustrator Harry Bliss who has designed
14 more than 50 covers for the *New Yorker*, will deliver the keynote
15 address.

16 The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards is a prestigious
17 national recognition program for aspiring visual artists and
18 writers. Each year, students in grades seven through 12 are invited
19 to submit art and writing in dozens of categories, including
20 ceramics, digital art, painting, photography, poetry, science
21 fiction, personal essay/memoir, and more. Submissions are
22 judged on a statewide level, with the top award winners then
23 considered for national awards, including college scholarships,
24 museum exhibitions, and publication opportunities.

25 BMAC has administered the Scholastic Art & Writing
26 Awards for Vermont since 2011. Statewide awards consist of
27 Gold Key, Silver Key, and Honorable Mention.

28 Since its founding in 1923, the Scholastic Art & Writing
29 Awards have nurtured the talents and helped launch the careers
30 of many creative visionaries such as Truman Capote, Lena
31 Dunham, Stephen King, and Sylvia Plath.

32 This year marks the highest levels of participation since
33 BMAC began administering the Vermont Scholastic Art & Writing
34 Awards, with 280 students from 43 schools throughout Vermont
35 submitting a total of 707 works for consideration. One hundred
36 sixty-seven students received a total of 279 awards — 59 Gold
37 Keys, 60 Silver Keys, and 160 Honorable Mentions.

38 Three seniors were awarded Gold Keys for their
39 portfolios (collections of six works), including Dashiell Moyses of
40 Brattleboro Union High School, who also won an award in
41 photography last year. They will now be entered into
42 consideration for the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards' highest
43 honor, a Portfolio Gold Medal, 16 of which will be awarded
44 nationwide in both art and writing. Winners of Portfolio Gold
45 Medals receive scholarship awards of \$12,500.

46 Chloe Rosner, a senior at the Putney School, received
47 eight awards in art, including a Gold Key and American Visions
48 nomination for her painting "Sitting, Thinking." Of the 59 works
49 awarded Gold Keys, only one was created by a middle schooler
50 — "Shades of Pink," a poem by Tess Wiesmore, a student at The
51 Grammar School in Putney.

52 A full list of all Vermont award winners (Gold Key, Silver
53 Key, and Honorable Mention) appears on the BMAC website at
54 brattleboromuseum.org. National awards will be announced in
55 June.

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