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## The Boston Globe and School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston Recognize State's Most Creative Young Artists and Writers

*Boston Globe Scholastic Arts & Writing Awards, Presented by Museum of Fine Arts,  
Boston, Announce 2016 Winners*

**BOSTON** (March 2, 2016) – The Boston Globe Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, presented by the School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, today announced its 2016 Gold Key, Silver Key, and Honorable Mention winners with nearly 4,000 young Bay State artists and writers earning distinction for their artwork submissions. More than 17,500 pieces of visual and literary artwork were entered in this year's competition, which was open to all students, grades 7 to 12, in Massachusetts.

The young artists winning Gold Key honors, the top distinction, will have their artwork featured as part of a special exhibition hosted by EF Education First at its offices in Cambridge, MA from March 5 to 20.

"Creative expression through art and writing helps students step outside their comfort zones and learn new things about themselves and the world in a way that is very similar to the immersive cultural experiences we offer at EF," said Edward Hult, CEO, EF North America. "We are honored to host the 2016 Boston Globe Scholastic Art and Writing Awards exhibit at our North American headquarters, and we can't wait to see the students' great work in person."

The names and schools of all Massachusetts winners of The Boston Globe Scholastic Art & Writing Awards—Gold Key, Silver Key, and Honorable Mention—will be published March 13 in the Boston Sunday Globe and will appear online at [BostonGlobe.com/arts](http://BostonGlobe.com/arts) starting March 11.

Presented in partnership with the nonprofit Alliance for Young Artists & Writers, The Boston Globe Scholastic Art & Writing Awards program is part of the country's longest-running and most prestigious national awards program recognizing talent, providing exhibition opportunities, and awarding scholarships to creative teenagers in grades 7 to 12.

The winners of the national contest will be announced on March 14 at [www.artandwriting.org](http://www.artandwriting.org).

"Fostering the minds and creative spirit of artists has always been the mission of the School," says SMFA President Christopher Bratton. "SMFA is deeply honored to recognize the remarkable talents of artists across Massachusetts through the Boston Globe Scholastic Art & Writing Awards."

The School of the Museum of Fine Arts is among more than 100 regional affiliates throughout the country that run the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards in their local communities. This national art and writing award program, now in its 93rd year, recognizes student achievement in the visual and literary arts in 29 categories, including poetry, graphic design, fashion, science fiction and video game design. Among the students who were once recognized are Truman Capote, Andy Warhol, John Updike, and Stephen King.

Anna Maguire of Scituate High School and Yu Wang of Lexington High School and Oogie Art were selected to each receive a \$70,000 scholarship distributed over four years to attend the School of the Museum of Fine Arts.

Fiona Jungmann of Andover High School and Najla Nassar of Mount Greylock Regional High School were each named as the winners of a \$5,000 scholarship provided by The Boston Globe Foundation. The art scholarship went Fiona Jungmann for her fashion piece “Identity Thief Coat.” The writing scholarship went to Najla Nassar for her personal essay/memoir titled “An Unconventional Childhood.”

“The Boston Globe is proud to honor these gifted young artists and writers and provide them with the platform to amplify their message and artistic voice,” said Linda Pizzuti Henry, Boston Globe Managing Director. “The Boston Globe Scholastic Art & Writing Awards introduces the Boston community to a new generation of young artistic talent and is just one of the many ways the Globe and its audience of readers support local talent.”

This program year, nearly 320,000 works of art and writing were submitted to the affiliate partners across the country. More than \$250,000 is given annually through the Scholastic Awards program in awards and scholarships to top Awards recipients and their educators.

More information about the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards is available online in the Scholastic Media Room at [mediaroom.scholastic.com/artandwriting](http://mediaroom.scholastic.com/artandwriting). For a full list of all Massachusetts recipients, please visit <http://www.smfa.edu/scholastic-art-writing>.

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Founded in 1876 and accredited by the National Association of Schools of Art and Design, the School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston (SMFA), is one of only two art schools in the country affiliated with a major museum—the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston. Our mission is to provide an education in the fine arts—for undergraduate and graduate artists—that is interdisciplinary and self-directed. This education values cultural, artistic and intellectual diversity; it embraces a wide range of media; it stresses the development of individual vision and its relation to culture in general; it values equally the knowledge gained by thinking and doing; it is deeply engaged with the world as a whole. If the mission is constant, its practice is always transforming. For more information about our programs and partnerships, visit [www.smfa.edu](http://www.smfa.edu).

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