

# NEWS

from the Worcester Art Museum

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## **“ART ALL-STATE ROCKS!”**

### **2005 ART ALL-STATE PARTICIPANT, EMMANUEL GUERRA-GUNZEL, TOPSFIELD, MA**

**(WORCESTER, MASS., May 23, 2006)**— One hundred forty high school juniors from nearly 140 communities across Massachusetts have passed a rigorous application process to participate in the 19th Annual Art All-State, an intensive two-day institute to take place at the Worcester Art Museum May 26 and 27. Over 230 students statewide were nominated to this year’s program, and participants come from all reaches of the Commonwealth. During Art All-State, students are teamed with professional artists to explore art beyond what is offered in the traditional high school setting to create colossal mixed-media projects. After finishing the program last year, Corey Ulrich of Seekonk said that the program was “One of the most memorable experiences of my high school career, makes me excited for the future.”

In the wake of many Massachusetts School Districts having to either severely cut or eliminate art education programs all together, opportunities such as Art-All State are of ever increasing importance to the youth of Massachusetts. Not only do the students have fun with other kids their own age who are deeply interested in art, but the learn team-building skills by working together towards a common goal—huge installation pieces that are on view in the Higgins Education Wing during the run of the program. After her great experience last year in Art-All State, Kaileen Powers of Bridgewater said that “Being here has really motivated me to go for a life in art. I can’t wait to get home and really kick it up for my portfolio.”

In order to participate, Massachusetts’s high schools may nominate up to two 11th-grade students in good academic standing who demonstrate a keen interest in visual art and are deserving of recognition and encouragement. The final selection of Art All-State participants is based upon written work, three pieces of artwork, recommendations and personal interviews conducted by a panel of art educators.

Art All-State begins with an opening slide presentation by Museum Director James A. Welu, where he draws parallels between the high-schoolers artwork to what famous artists were creating when they were 16; comparisons are made to such artists as Michelangelo, DaVinci, and Homer. Then, artist/mentors guide students through the Worcester Art Museum’s galleries and open a dialogue about the art that inspires them. In the

studios, students' work will focus on contemporary art forms, the creative process and teamwork. "The people I have met are awesome. I'm so inspired to try many new things," said 2005 Art All-State participant Patrick Clare of Mansfield.

Using materials such as chicken wire, string, metallic paper, paint, magazine clippings and even tennis balls, each team brainstorms and creates room-scaled experiential art installations. "The team dynamic encourages students to explore new ideas and experiment with nontraditional art forms," said Heidi Bercovici, the program's coordinator. "The interaction with professional artists and like-minded students also helps kids who are looking for ways to incorporate art into their college and professional careers."

In 1988, when the economic climate forced many schools to cut their art curriculum budgets, the Worcester Art Museum aligned with art education advocacy groups to develop Massachusetts Art All-State. It was the first program of its kind in the nation and served as a model for the New Hampshire Allstate Art Festival, founded in 1999.

Contact with alumni has shown the long-term impact and value of Art All-State. "Time and time again, when people ask me why or how I became involved in set design and art direction, I come back to a singular pivotal event—Art All-State," stated Kirsty Thomley, a 1997 Art All-State participant now working as a production designer in Los Angeles.

Many past participants of Art All-State return as chaperones, artists and mentors, including Tom Grady an artist from Auburn, Mass. who will again participate as an artist/mentor this year. Grady, who teaches youth art classes at Worcester Art Museum, earned a BFA in illustration from the Rhode Island School of Design and has exhibited his work in galleries throughout New England.

Andy Bell, another 1997 alumnus, has volunteered to chaperone Art All-State. A Middlefield native, he earned a BFA degree in sculpture from the University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth and currently teaches art at Quincy High School.

Art All-State is a collaboration of the Massachusetts Art Education Association and the Worcester Art Museum. A gift from the David J. Freeland Memorial Education Fund helps sustain the program. Art All-State is also made possible by donations from many area businesses, and with the support of art educators from throughout the state.

### **About the Worcester Art Museum**

The Worcester Art Museum, which opened to the public in 1898, is world-renowned for its 35,000-piece collection of paintings, sculpture, decorative arts, photography, prints, drawings and new media. The works span 5,000 years of art and culture, ranging from ancient Roman mosaics to Colonial silver, Impressionist paintings and contemporary art. Dedicated to the promotion of art and art education, the Museum offers a year-round studio art and art appreciation program that enrolls over 6,000 adult and youth students each year. Public tours are offered Saturdays at 11 a.m. and Sundays at 1 p.m., September through May. Audio tours are also available in English and Spanish.

Museum hours are Wednesday through Sunday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Thursday, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. (evening hours sponsored by Commerce Bank), and Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and full-time college students with current ID, and FREE for Members and all youth 17 and under. Admission is also FREE for everyone on Saturday mornings, 10 a.m.-noon (sponsored by The TJX Companies, Inc. and National Grid). The Museum is located at 55 Salisbury St., Worcester, Mass., easily accessible from the Massachusetts Turnpike (I-90), Route 290 and Route 9. Free parking is available near entrances on Salisbury, Lancaster and Tuckerman streets. For more information, call (508) 799-4406 or visit the Museum web site at [www.worcesterart.org](http://www.worcesterart.org).

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## ART ALL-STATE 2006 STUDENT PARTICIPANTS

<u>Student Name</u>	<u>City or Town</u>	<u>School</u>
Alice Ren	Acton	Acton-Boxborough Reg High
Yang Li	Amherst	Amherst Regional High
Nathan Hass	Andover	Andover High
Joohee Yoon	Andover	Andover High
Todd Ferriera	Arlington	Arlington High
Lindsay LeBlanc	Ashburnham	Oakmont Regional H S
Lauren Lenart	Ashburnham	Oakmont Regional H S
Alexandra Bruno	Assonet	Apponequet Reg High
Siiri Paton	Athol	Quabbin Regional High
Chase Montecalvo	Attleboro	Bishop Feehan High School
Sharon Lawler	Avon	Woodward School for Girls
Tim Wolfe	Barnstable	Sacred Heart High
Hyun Lee	Bedford	Bedford High
Christina Borelli	Belmont	Belmont High
Elizabeth Valentin	Belmont	Belmont High
Kara Lambert	Berlin	Bromfield
Gia Adams	Boston	Boston Latin Academy
Jeanette Lin	Boston	Boston Latin Academy
Meghan Rudder	Boxford	Masconomet Regional HS
Em Chang-Ho	Braintree	Braintree High
Karla Crowell	Brewster	Nauset Regional High
Seth Cannon	Bridgewater	Bridgewater-Raynham Reg
Sophie Hines	Brookline	Brookline High
Elizabeth Whitcher	Brookline	Brookline High
Christina Coyne	Burlington	Burlington High
Samuel Faller	Burlington	Burlington High
Jason Bashaw	Byfield	Triton High School
Fatimah Asghar	Cambridge	Camb Rindge and Latin
Ishmahil Olanrewaju	Cambridge	Camb Rindge and Latin
Hannah Godbey	Canton	Canton High
Alexander Train	Canton	Xaverian Brothers High
Tess Guttadauro	Carlisle	Concord Carlisle High

<u>Student Name</u>	<u>City or Town</u>	<u>School</u>
Bernadette Haley	Centerville	Barnstable High
Michelle Dugan	Chatham	Chatham High
Jason Ellershaw	Chester	Gateway Reg High
Kaitlyn Tharaldson	Chicopee	White Oak School
Brian DiNicola	Dalton	Wahconah Regional High
Katie Hornstein	Dalton	Wahconah Regional High
Lauren Mawe	Dedham	Dedham High
Luke Janas	Dedham	Xaverian Brothers High
Marissa Rivera	Devens	Bromfield
Jerome Jones	Dorchester	Boston Arts Academy
Sydney Millyard	Dover	Dover-Sherborn Reg High
Lauren Dupont	Dracut	Dracut Senior High
Cailigh MacDonald	Duxbury	Duxbury High
Chi Kwong	East Boston	Boston Arts Academy
Gabriel Richardson	Fall River	Bishop Connolly High
Jenna Kelley	Falmouth	Falmouth Academy
Bobby Eastman	Florence	Northampton High
Shane Maxwell	Framingham	Framingham H S
Mary-Reid Savoca	Framingham	Framingham H S
Erica Butera	Franklin	Franklin High School
Greg Gould	Franklin	Franklin High School
Nicholas Pierce	Gardner	St Bernard's Cent Cath HS
Lauren Dakai	Grafton	Grafton Memorial Senior
Lauren Richards	Granby	Granby Jr Sr High Sch
Jason Gates	Groton	Groton Dunstable Regional
Katie Roux	Groton	Groton Dunstable Regional
Peter Serio	Hadley	Hopkins Academy
Molly McCaffery	Harwichport	Harwich High
Collin Moret	Hatfield	Smith Academy
Allyson Dufault	Holliston	Holliston High
Kimberly Shifrin	Holliston	Holliston High
Elise Largesse	Hopkinton	Hopkinton High
Bethany Goodrich	Hopkinton	Hopkinton High
Matthew Luther	Hudson	Hudson High

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Melody Tapia	Indian Orchard	Amherst Regional High
Kristen Newell	Ipswich	Ipswich High
Henry Sigall	Ipswich	Ipswich High
Leslie Groff	Lee	Lee Middle/High School
Greta Moore	Leeds	Northampton High
Tiana Birrell	Lenox	Lenox Memorial High
Molly Nugent	Lenox	Lenox Memorial High
Michael Gonda	Littleton	Littleton High School
Andrew Leduc	Lowell	Lowell High School
Harrison Doyle	Lunenburg	Lunenburg High
Jehiel Rosario	Lynn	Lynn Voc Tech Institute
Tiffany Cabral	Malden	Malden High
Illeisha Lussiano	Marlborough	Marlborough High
Amelia Mitter-Burke	Marlborough	Marlborough High
Nicholas Mammano	Medford	Medford High
Samantha Bilotta	Medway	Medway High
Jennifer Cuddy	Medway	Medway High
Casey Carroll	Melrose	Melrose High
Jillian Ralleo	Middleboro	Middleborough High
Erika Decker	Millis	Millis High School
Elizabeth Mitchell	Monson	Monson High School
Laurie Dowd	Needham	Needham High
Amanda Knudsen	Needham	Needham High
Faye Richards	Newburyport	Newburyport High
Casey Stotz	Newburyport	Newburyport High
Ian Faden	North Grafton	Grafton Memorial Senior
Isabel Beavers	Northborough	Algonquin Reg High
Blair Sinsimer	Norwell	Norwell High
Andrew McFarland	Norwood	Norwood High
Neela Paramkusham	Norwood	Norwood High
Nicole Yodice	Paxton	Wachusett Regional High
Laura Carchedi	Pittsfield	Pittsfield High
Kaylie Bruno	Pittsfield	Taconic High
Thomas O'Brien	Pittsfield	Taconic High

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Amanda McKeever	Plymouth	Notre Dame Academy
Christine Distasi	Quincy	Quincy High
Christoph Paige	Quincy	Quincy High
Genevieve Pratt	Rockland	Rockland Senior High
Katelyn Robbins	Rockland	Rockland Senior High
Ruth Barry	S Dartmouth	Dartmouth High
Flora Silveira-Orcutt	S Dartmouth	Dartmouth High
Molly Wong	Salem	Salem High
Elizabeth Childs	Sandwich	Sandwich High
Quinn Miller	Scituate	Scituate High School
Montana Olean	Seekonk	Seekonk High
Alexandra Pazulinec	Seekonk	Seekonk High
Karen Amato	Sharon	Sharon High
Brooke Scibelli	Shrewsbury	Shrewsbury High School
Emma Gohlke	Southborough	Algonquin Reg High
Ashley Bernal	Southwick	Southwick Tolland Regional
William Gibbons	Spencer	David Prouty High
Amanda Bruso	Spencer	Holy Name Cen Cath High
Deirdre Bailey	Sterling	St Peter Marian
Emily Rantala	Sterling	Wachusett Regional High
Cara Migliozi	Sudbury	Lincoln-Sudbury Reg High
Victoria Hatfield	Walpole	Walpole High
Samantha Kimball	Walpole	Walpole High
Nikki Crosby	Warwick	Franklin County Tech
Allison Brainard	Wayland	Wayland High School
Alexandra Fiust	Wayland	Wayland High School
Alex Kilburn	Wenham	Hamilton-Wenham Reg High
Leo Carrasco	West Boylston	West Boylston Jr-Sr High
Mathew Roberts	West Boylston	West Boylston Jr-Sr High
Dahiana Rivera	West Springfield	West Springfield High
Ashley Starsiak	West Springfield	West Springfield High
Emily Louvitakis	West Warren	Quaboag Regional High
Benjamin Kosh	Westboro	Westborough High
Christoph Ng	Westfield	Westford Academy

**Student Name**

Stephen Larrick  
Daniel Lambert  
Laura Lee Brady  
Shaylyn Hewitt  
Sarah Laba-Barry  
Rachael Brackett  
Benjamin Hummel  
John Paul  
Allison Schrader

**City or Town**

Westford  
Whitinsville  
Whitman  
Wilbraham  
Wilbraham  
Worcester  
Worcester  
Worcester  
Wrentham

**School**

Westford Academy  
Whitinsville Christian  
Notre Dame Academy  
Minnechaug Reg High  
Minnechaug Reg High  
Abby Kelley Foster Regional  
Doherty Memorial High  
St Peter Marian  
King Philip Reg High



# ART ALL-STATE 2006

## Parents' & Teachers' Schedule

**Saturday, May 27, 2006**

12:30–1pm	Registration	United Congregational Church
1–2pm	Parent Program <i>"The Great Masters at 16"</i> by James A. Welu, Director, Worcester Art Museum  Student slide show	United Congregational Church
2–4:30pm	College & University Fair	Museum Café
2–2:30pm	Self-guided tours of Museum galleries	Galleries
2:30–4:30pm	Public Reception/ Exhibition of Student Work	Higgins Education Wing
3:30pm	Closing Ceremonies	Courtyard
4–4:30pm	Students & Artists Dismantle Exhibition and Clean Studios	
4:30pm	<b>END OF PROGRAM</b>	
4:30–5:30pm	Check-out of dorms	Wright Hall Clark University