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**YOUNG ARTISTS RECOGNIZED AS "RISING STARS"  
26<sup>th</sup> Annual Marin County High School Art Show Opens in March**

SAN RAFAEL, CA – "Rising Stars," the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Marin County High School Art Show, will open at YIA Gallery at Youth in Arts in Downtown San Rafael on Sunday, March 5. The juried exhibit will feature over 150 two- and three-dimensional works by students from 17 Marin public, private and alternative high schools.

Art teachers from each school "curate" the show, selecting entries to represent their programs. Prizes are awarded by a panel of local art experts: Kay Carlson, Jay Daniels, Melissa Woodburn and Stacey Kamp.

Youth in Arts has hosted the popular local event for three years. YIA Gallery is one of just a few galleries in the U.S. dedicated to showing work by youth artists. "Rising Stars is a great fit for our gallery's mission of amplifying and sharing young people's creative voices," said Youth in Arts Executive Director Miko Lee.

The Marin County High School Art Show was established in 1992 by Marin artist Susan Doglione, who passed away in 2000. Youth in Arts Board Member Sheila Tuffanelli has been a leader in keeping the show alive for 26 years. "I was amazed when I first saw the work of the young high school artists fourteen years ago," said Tuffanelli. "I resolved to support this fine community event."

The exhibit will be open at Youth in Arts through March 31, with regular hours Monday-Friday from 10 am to 4 pm. The gallery will also be open for a free public reception on Friday, March 10, from 5-8 p.m. as part of 2nd Fridays Art Walk Downtown. Most of the work in the show will then travel to Bartolini Gallery at the Marin Center, where it will be on view through April and May.

"Rising Stars" is supported by Star Sponsor Bank of Marin, as well as Perry's Art Supplies & Framing in San Anselmo, the San Anselmo Arts Commission, RileyStreet Art Supply, Marin Open Studios and Il Davide Restaurant in San Rafael.

Founded in 1970, Youth in Arts provides students with experiences and instruction in the visual and performing arts and enriches the community with cultural events. Our vision is to help youth of every background and ability develop the creative skills, compassion, confidence and resilience they need to share their voices and achieve their goals. More information at [youthinarts.org](http://youthinarts.org).

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