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IMAGINING FRIENDSHIP OPENS AT YIA GALLERY

SAN RAFAEL - What makes a good friend? How is friendship expressed through art?

The Walker Rezaian Creative HeArts exhibition “Imagining Friendship” is back for its fifth year in the YIA gallery, 917 C St. in San Rafael.

The show runs April 12 through May 24. The opening reception is Friday, April 12 from 5-8 p.m. and coincides with the 2nd Fridays Art Walk in downtown San Rafael.

YIA staff have been busy creating a cardboard world as a backdrop to the colorful self portraits from the Kindergarten and 1st grade classes at Laurel Dell Elementary School. The work was created during the Youth in Arts’ visual arts residency.

“We show families that we can create with anything,” said Youth in Arts’ Executive Director Miko Lee. “Visitors can use their whole bodies to explore an imaginary world, and what it means to be a good friend.”

The Walker Rezaian Creative HeArts Kindergarten Arts Program was created by Walker’s family and Youth in Arts. In celebration of his life and love of art, the program provides for a visual arts residency for Kindergarten classes at selected schools, along with parent and teacher trainings, a show of student work and a community celebration.

The YIA gallery is open Monday through Friday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Youth in Arts’ programs serve more than 18,000 students annually. We bring visual and performing arts to preK-12 students, providing innovative programs that build confidence, compassion and creativity for all learners. We are also the only arts provider to special day classes in Marin. For more information on bringing a mentor artist to your school, visit youthinarts.org

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