INSPIRE EXHIBIT OPENS AT YOUTH IN ARTS

SAN RAFAEL, CA – Why do artists teach? How is the work they inspire in their students reflected in their own art? How are they inspired by their students' work in return?

The annual INSPIRE exhibit considers just that. Opening at the Youth in Arts gallery on Dec. 13, the show explores the connections between teaching artists’ professional work and the ideas they share with their students.

The opening reception is from 5 to 8 p.m. and coincides with the 2nd Friday artwalk in San Rafael. The exhibit runs through Jan. 17, 2020.

Nearly 20 North Bay artists’ work will be on view in the INSPIRE exhibit, the only Youth in Arts show that features work by adults in our kid-focused gallery.

The work is as varied as the artists themselves. There are richly textured paintings, mixed media collage works, a solar plate etching, and a fortune cookie sculpture nestled within a delicate tangle of paper.

“This piece is inspired by my responsibility to show my students the larger view of their place in their community and within the art world,” said artist Sabrina Kalleen, who created the cookie and teaches sculpture and ceramics at Marin School for the Arts.

The YIA gallery is at 917 C St. in the beautiful Downtown San Rafael Cultural Arts District. Regular gallery hours are Monday to Friday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. School groups may visit by appointment; to arrange, please call Kelsey at (415) 457-4878 x110. Admission is free.

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