

Youth in Arts®

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OUR CREATIVE COMMUNITY *San Rafael City Schools TK-5 Showcase*

Our Creative Community is Youth in Arts' newest youth exhibition, featured in both a 3-dimensional virtual format and as a window display with artwork created by TK through 5th grade students from San Rafael City Schools District.

The exhibition is the culmination of a residency in which Youth in Arts reached more than 3,000 students this Fall. Programming was delivered through YIArts.COR, an innovative online program that included a custom-designed visual arts kit for participating artists.

The exhibition, which runs through Feb. 12, 2021, uses a unique online tool that enables viewers to experience art as if they were in a real gallery or museum. With the click of a button, art lovers can move from virtual room to room to see the work arranged on crisp white walls. They can zoom in to get a closer look, or zoom out to see several pieces together. Take a [guided tour](#) of the exhibition or view it [here](#) at your own pace.

"As students navigate distance learning and the rapidly changing world around them, the arts have provided a space to decompress, contemplate and investigate," said Program Director Kelsey Rieger. "We have seen the tremendous impact of the arts on young people at a time when opportunities for creativity and self-expression are needed the most. This show highlights some of these explorations."

TK through 2nd grade students learned fundamental art skills, focusing on color, line, form and shape. Young artists painted to music and experienced the thrill of mixed media, discovering different ways of working with watercolor, collage and tools found in nature. Third through fifth grade students explored personal identity with self portraits, making different observational drawings, paintings and collages. To see the art from the sidewalk, visit the YIA Gallery windows at 917 C St. San Rafael.

The program was made possible by HeadsUp San Rafael Public Education Foundation and San Rafael City Schools. Youth in Arts' Visual Arts Director Suzanne Joyal curated the 3D art exhibition through KunstMatrix. Gallery Manager Morgan Schaufler curated the window show at the YIA Gallery, and Rieger supervised artwork acquisition and assisted with the installation.

Youth in Arts is an arts education nonprofit that has served more than a million children since it was founded nearly 50 years ago. Its mission is to support creativity, confidence and compassion with programs in visual art, music, theater and dance that are designed to reach all learners of all abilities.

Families, caregivers, and schools are invited to create with us through **YIArts.COR**, our online learning platform. Anyone can register for a free or low-cost program from anywhere at any time. Parents can use **YIArts.COR** to keep arts learning as a part of the school day.

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