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Annie Purkey, blue ribbon, qualified for state in solo acting on Saturday, Feb. 4. Josiah Henifin, back, yellow ribbons, Emma Blanco and Skyla Cawthon were all regional finalists.

McNary actors finish in top 10, 20 percent at regionals

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Four McNary students brought back ribbons from the Oregon Thespian Southern Regional Acting Competition on Saturday, Feb. 4 at Central High School.

Senior Annie Purkey, performing two monologues from the plays *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead* and *The Merchant of Venice*, finished in

the top 10 percent of 77 entries to qualify for the state festival in April.

Seniors Emma Blanco and Skyla Cawthon were both regional finalists in solo musical, placing in the top 20 percent in their category. Blanco also teamed up with Josiah Henifin to finish in the top 20 percent in duet musical.

The Southern Regional Acting Competition included

386 entries from 28 schools south of the 45th parallel in Oregon.

McNary's fall production of *Defying Gravity* was also picked as one of two plays, out of 11 shows submitted, to be performed at the state festival on Friday, April 7, at the Salem Convention Center.

Purkey will compete in solo acting on Thursday, April 6.

Best of McNary art on display by KAA

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McNary art teacher Todd Layton congratulated all the students who participated in the annual Keizer Art Association show, which had its reception on Saturday, Feb. 4, saying that of the 600 kids that take art at the high school, "You guys have risen to the top."

At the very top was junior Maddie Weathers, who won Best in Show for her drawing of a dog wearing a hat.

"I really like art so to win is special," said Weathers, who was inspired by similar photographs of dogs wearing hats, including one of her own dog taken in Sunriver.

She said the drawing took five to six hours. Her other two submissions were of penguins and a frog.

"I like animals. They are a lot easier to draw than people," Weathers said.

Brooke Ridgway also took home a ribbon for an animal piece. Her work, *Delilah*, an acrylic painting of a cow in a pasture, won second place in the two-dimensional category.

She got the idea while driving past the cow pasture in Keizer to visit her grandmother.

"I thought they were cute and I really want to work on nature pieces because I haven't done a whole lot of that lately," Ridgway said. "It turned out really well. I was really proud."

The piece took about 10 hours to complete.

"I like old lady names and I thought it was an old cow," Ridgway said of naming the cow Delilah.

The show, which was judged by KAA board members Carol Harris and John Dejarnatt, will remain on display upstairs in the Keizer Heritage Center, 980 Chema-wa Rd. NE, through Feb. 25.

Both Layton and fellow MHS art instructor Mark Kohley were appreciative of the Keizer Art Association.

"It's definitely the nicest show that our students participate in," Kohley said. "This is really a great showcase for McNary High School and opportunity Keizer Art Association gives us."



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TOP: Maddie Weathers won Best in Show for her drawing *Dog*. BOTTOM: Brooke Ridgway took second in the two-dimensional category for her painting of a cow named Delilah.



Complete list of winners included:

TWO-DIMENSIONAL

- First place: *Abe* by Annie Purkey
- Second: *Delilah* by Brooke Ridgway
- Third: *Tree of Life* by Rhea Peig
- Juror's Merit Award: *Teddy* by Annie Purkey and *Irresistible* by Shania Walls
- Honorable Mention: *Night Escape* by Zena Greenwald, *Osaka Castle* by Sophia Olsen and *Remember Me* by Gretchen Meyer

THREE-DIMENSIONAL

- First: *Once Upon a Time* by Sonia Cuevas
- Second: *Triangular Vase* by Willow Shamain
- Third: *Fruit Stack* by Alison Repp and Hannah Lauden

• Juror's Merit: *Catch Your Dreams* by Zena Greenwald and *Say Ahhh* by Ashton Geiger Smith

- Honorable Mention: *The Purple Base* by Willow Shamain, *Don't Just Stand There* by Madison Munro and *Obsidian Red* by Maria Vargas

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- First: *Reflecting Tree* by Jordan Marshall
- Second: *Audri* by Sophia Salinas
- Third: *Gorge* by Ian Ovchinnikov
- Juror's Merit: *Vision of Self* by Elizabeth Barleson, *Fiery Sunsets* by Taylor Johnson and *Ripple* by McKenzie Beard.
- Honorable Mention: *A Day in the Snow* by Valerie Diede, *Beachy* by Sarah Eckert and *Red Barn in Winter* by Nicole Duran

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