



## HRVHS artists, writers win awards

*'Keys to Talent:' students excel in creative works*

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Hood River Valley High School honored artists and writers on Friday with an all-school Fine Arts assembly.

Students were recognized for their winning entries in the Scholastic Art and Writing awards. Awards were given in first (Gold Key), second (Silver Key) and honorable mention categories.

The competition is open to students throughout the United States and at American schools overseas, said HRVHS art teacher Amirra Malak. Awards were given at the regional level, with those earning Gold Keys going on to compete at the national level.

"The competition opens students up to scholarship opportunities and is a nationally recognized competition," Malak said.

According to the Scholastic Art and Writing awards website (artandwriting.org/about-us), 255,000 original works were submitted during the 2014 program year. Awards alumni include artist Andy Warhol, writers Sylvia Plath and Joyce Carol Oates, and filmmaker Ken Burns.

Winners of the Scholastic Art and Writing awards in the category of art:

■ Tess Johnson, Silver Key, "Unlocked"

■ Megan Dayley, Honorable Mention, "Dreaming of Stardust;" Gold Key, "Journey to the Light"

■ Paulina Le, Silver Key, "Perspective Priorities"

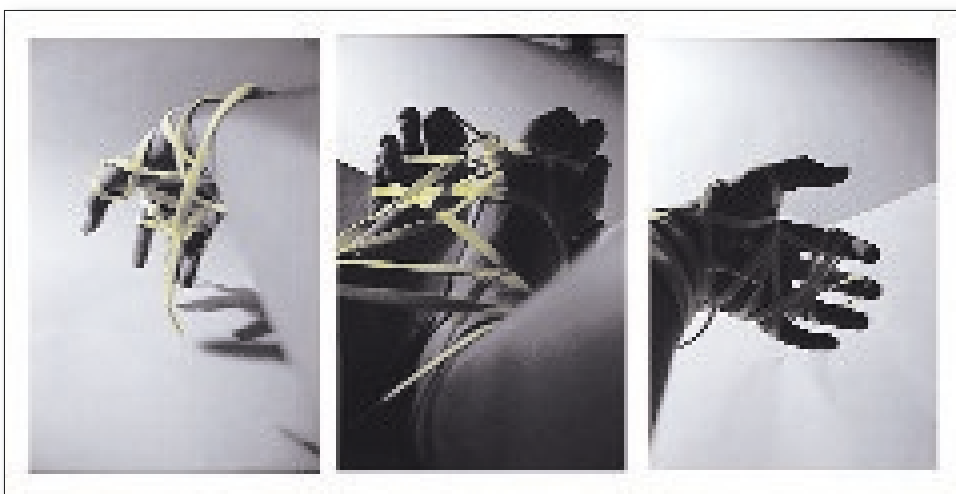
■ Bayley Stevens, Honorable Mention, "Body Flow;" Honorable Mention, "Man Made Nature"

■ Makena Zeller, Gold Key, "Flow"

■ Brynna Searcy, Gold Key, "Disparity"

■ Andrew McCarthy, Honorable Mention, "The Rebellious Sea"

■ Cayla Sacre, Silver Key, "Faceless;" Honorable mention, "Unpotted Plant"



■ Veronica Marquez, Honorable Mention, "Beautiful Form"

■ Emily Mason, Silver Key, "Fairy Land Forest"

■ Amy Griffin, Honorable Mention, "Reflection"

■ Callie Crumpacker, Gold Key, "Wrinkles"

■ Emma Casey, Honorable Mention, "Visage"

■ Savanna Brentlinger, Silver Key, "Tangled Apart"

■ Summer Bogard, Silver Key, "The Shallow Sea"

■ Olivia Acosta, Honorable Mention, "Only Soil"

Winners of the Scholastic Art and Writing awards in the category of writing:

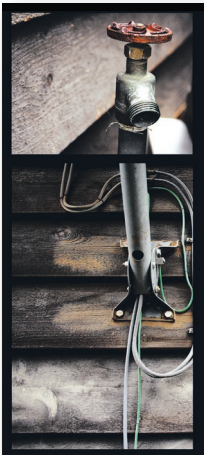
■ Lindsey Hegemann: Honorable Mention, Science Fiction/Fantasy, "Do You Dream of the End?"

■ Olivia Newcomb: Honorable Mention, Short Story, "A Rose by Any Other Name"

■ Cayla Sacre: Honorable Mention, Poetry, "All For You;" Silver Key, Dramatic Script, "The Middle Ground"

A handful of students were additionally honored for their entries in the Oregon College of Art and Craft's 2015 Juried High School Art Show. A representative from the college selected pieces from the following high school artists: Andrew McCarthy, Fenn Paider, Rianna Piatt, America Flores, Wendy Garcia, Brynna Searcy, Amy Griffin, Jamarah Wilson, Savannah Boersma and Summer Bogard.

All entries will be on display in the Hoffman Gallery at Oregon College of Art and Craft through March 4.



Submitted photos  
**STUDENT WORKS**, clockwise from top: Fenn Paider's winning OCAC piece; Makena Zeller, "Flow;" Summer Bogard, "The Shallow Sea;" Tess Johnson, "Unlocked;" and Brynna Searcy's SAWA-winning and OCAC photographs, "Disparity" and "Abstract Body." Paider, a junior, was the only student who placed in the OCAC competition with an honorable mention.

More student artwork can be found online at hoodrivernews.com.

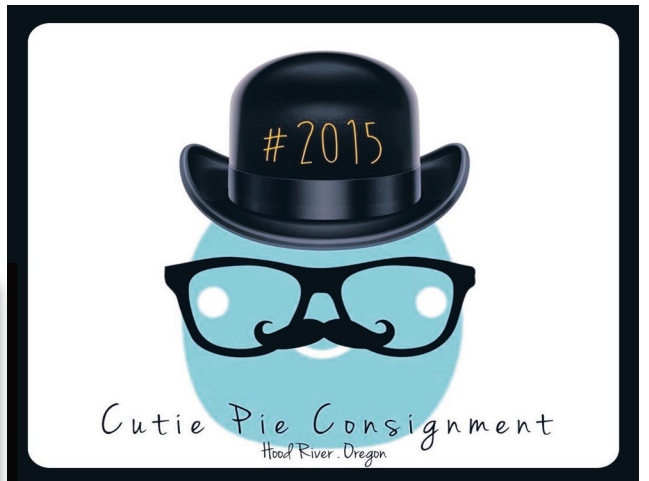


### YOUNG ACTOR



Photo by Kirby Neumann-Rea

Sixth-grader Ren Tappert made his CAST debut this month in "The Full Monty," which closes Feb. 28. Ren portrays Nathan, the son of Larry (Ari Bloodgood, left), an unemployed steelworker. Ren, 11, the son of Peter and Jayce Tappert, attends Hood River Middle School. In the musical, Ren holds his own as the only youth in the cast, as Nathan gets more than one wise and/or funny line to help his father learn a lesson or two.



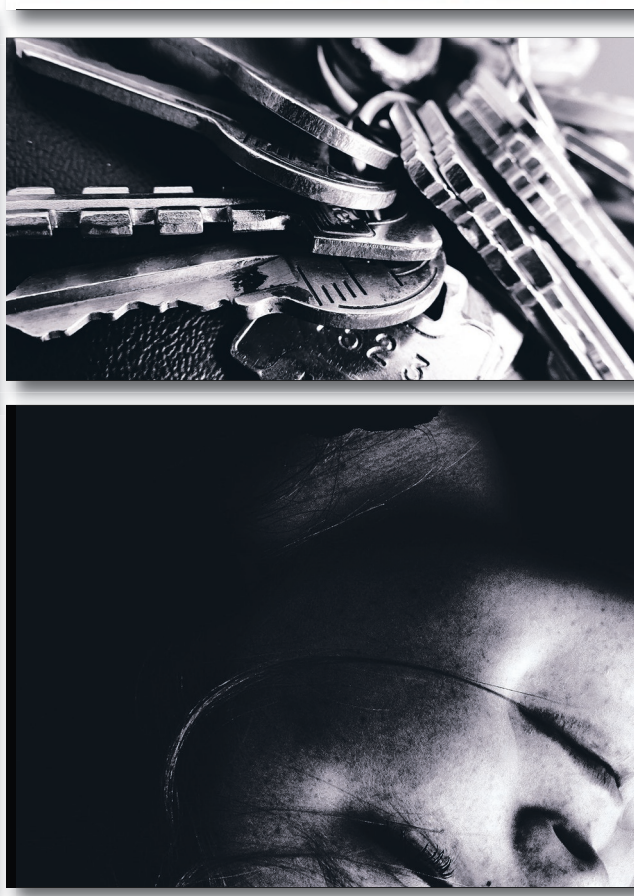
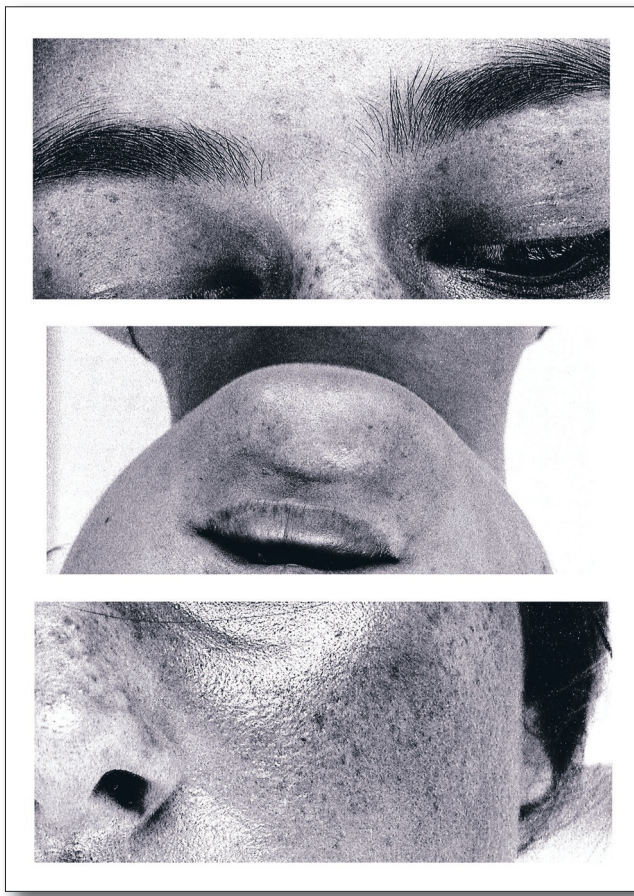
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