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Winners of Fourth Annual Holiday Card Contest for Boston Public School Students Announced

Contest to support arts education was co-created by Volunteer Lawyers For the Arts and Brown Rudnick and is supported by Boston Public Schools

Boston, MA, December 13, 2007 – The Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts of Massachusetts, Inc. (VLA) today announced the winners of its fourth annual Holiday Card Contest for Boston Public High School students. Created to support arts education in Boston Public Schools, the contest provides an opportunity for educators to engage students in an art enrichment program. The contest was initiated with a grant from The Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation and with assistance from the Brown Rudnick Center for the Public Interest, as well as through the support of the Boston Public Schools.

Eight schools participated in the 2007 art contest: MFA/BPS Scholarship Program, Boston Latin Academy, East Boston High School, The Harbor School, Brighton High School, Dearborn Middle School, The McKay School, and The John D. O'Bryant High School.

Two winners tied for first place honors: Ms. Mallory Pearson, a Senior at Boston Latin Academy, for her work entitled, "Holiday Mug;" and Mr. Phat Tran, a Senior at East Boston High School, for his work named "Troubled Breeze." Boston Latin Academy Junior Lauren Doherty was also honored for her painting called "Snowed In."

In addition to the top awards, 20 artistic merits were presented to: Barbara Bowe, a Freshman at The BPS/MFA Scholarship Program; Lauren Curry, Senior at East Boston High School; Deena Damelio, Senior at East Boston High School Year; Elijah Doyle, Freshman at The Harbor School; Tram Duong, Senior at Brighton High School; Tyrone Figueroa, Senior at East Boston High School; Janilee Garcia Martine, Freshman at Dearborn Middle School; Lily Hanssens, Senior at The Boston Latin Academy; Seynola Hoadley, Freshman at East Boston High School; Christina Joseph, Freshman at Boston Latin Academy; Jennifer King, Senior, Boston Latin Academy; Stephanie Mollo, Senior at Boston Latin Academy; Quyen Nguyen, Student at Boston Latin Academy; Michael Obrien, Senior at Boston Latin Academy; Aniela Petani, Senior at Boston Latin Academy; Juan Restrep, Senior at The McKay School; Kern G Saint Dic, Senior at The BPS/MFA Scholarship Program; Lucy Saintcy, Sophomore at The BPS/MFA Scholarship Program; Lazell Simmons, Sophomore at Brighton High School; and Susanna Yee, Sophomore at The John D. O'Bryant High School.



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Contestants, along with their teachers and families, gathered to celebrate at an awards reception on November 28, 2007. The event was hosted by the contest sponsor, the Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation at the law firm of Brown Rudnick Berlack Israels LLP. Each winning student received an award certificate and art supplies.

About the Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts of Massachusetts, Inc.

Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts of Massachusetts, Inc. (VLA) is a non-profit organization established to meet the legal needs of the state's artistic community. VLA is the only organization in Massachusetts designed specifically to address the legal concerns of the art community. VLA provides a Legal Referral Program, seminars and workshops to artists and arts organizations from all creative disciplines including, among others, visual arts, music, literary arts, performing arts, and film and video. For more information, visit www.vlama.org.

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