

At the Artists Reception on February 18, 2017, [Tamástslikt Cultural Institute](#) recognized the winners of the juried competition in ArtWORKz 2017. Grand Prizes, Awards of Excellence, Awards of Merit, and Honorable Mentions were awarded in each age category: 15-18, 11-14, and 10 & under. Best Emerging Artist and Artists' Choice winners were also awarded. This year's ArtWORKz showcased 101 pieces of art submitted by talented young artists from throughout the region, e.g. Pendleton, Hermiston, Burbank, Milton-Freewater, Joseph, and beyond.

Grand Prizes were awarded to Isabel K. Brigham Watchman for "Fancy Dancer" in 10 & Under; Sierra Breeding for "Painted Horse" in ages 11-14; and to Kylee Wiseman for "Quintessance" in the 15-18 age group.

Awards of Excellence went to Nizhoni Bearchum for "Mola Butterfly" in 10 & Under; Jason Bearchum for "Sheridan Style", ages 11-14; and Emily Ferguson for "Wisp", ages 15-18.

Awards of Merit went to Gabriella Wallace for "Sleeping Beauty" in the 10 & Under age group; Nikolas Esai Silva for "Where the Mountain Touches the Sky", ages 11-14; and Paige Baunach for "Serenity", in the 15-18 age group.

Honorable Mentions in the 0-10 age group were given to Sarah Karson Engum, Emily Wallace, Tamisa Camille Sherwood. and Eden Rush.

In the 11-14 age group, Honorable Mentions were awarded to Baily Stowers, Lupita Garcia, Marissa Carlos, Taylor Turner, Elijah Bearchum, Carson Chester, Taylor Dougherty, Molly Curry, Julianah Hailey Matamoros, and Madison Noggle.

And for the 15-18 age group, Honorable Mentions were given to Nancy Hernandez, Isabel Walker, Makena Royer, Racheal Mears, Marisa Jobes, Kai Oliver, Addie Kilgore, Tori Suto, Ellery Jones, Sophia Simpson, and Paige Jones.

Best Emerging Artist was awarded to Kai Oliver, 18, for "Changing Times" (ink on paper).

Artists' Choice awards were determined by vote of the participating artists. First Place went to "Where the Mountain Touches the Sky" (watercolor) by Nikolas Esai Silva, 14 and Second Place went to Addie Kilgore, 18 for "Attitude" (Acrylic Paint).

The 2017 ArtWORKz Junior Art Show and Competition remains on view at Tamástslikt Cultural Institute through March 17, 2017.