

# 2022 Youth Art Month Visual Documentation

State: Pennsylvania

Theme: Art Connects Us



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- PAEA's Annual YAM Exhibit was held virtually in 2022, making it more accessible to our citizens

- Platform used was Artsteps.com

- Amassed 4,514 views during March 2022

- 148 K-12 artworks exhibited

- All work was accepted and prizes were awarded by an independent panel of jurors

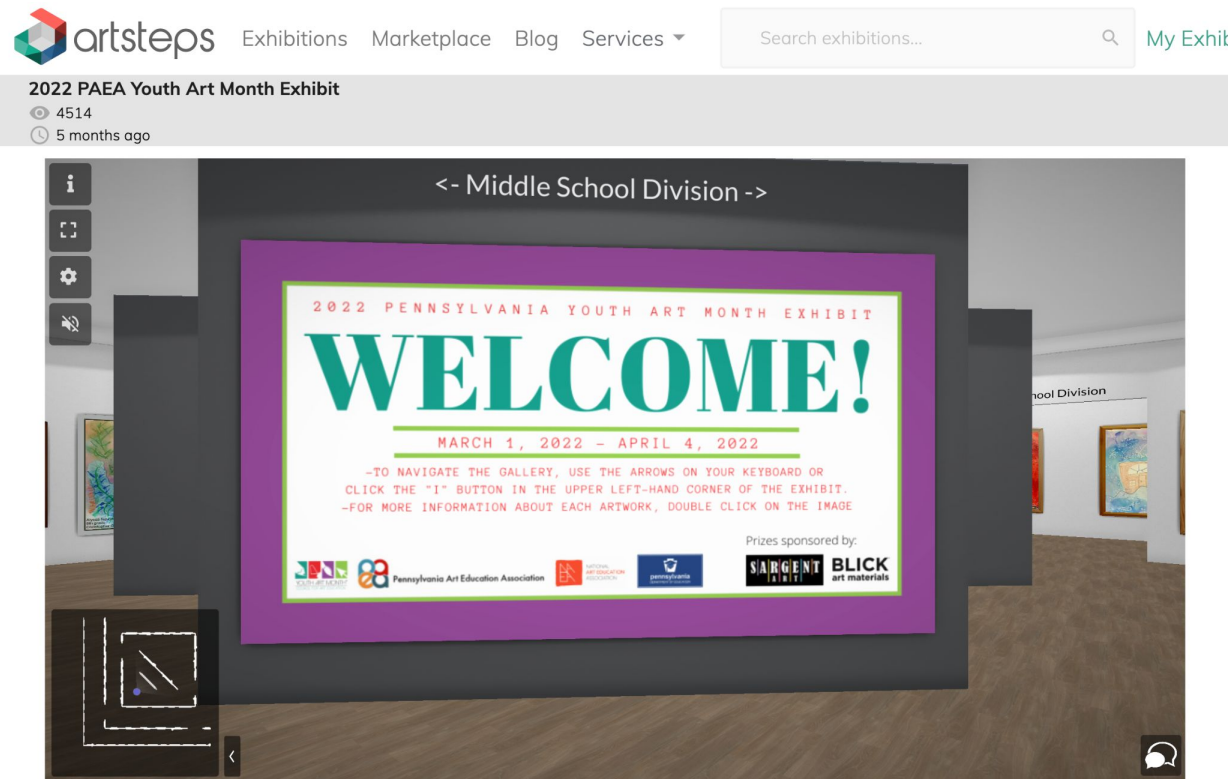
- Prizes were awarded in each division, regionally, and by media

\*Award field was expanded from 6 prizes (2021) to 27 (2022)

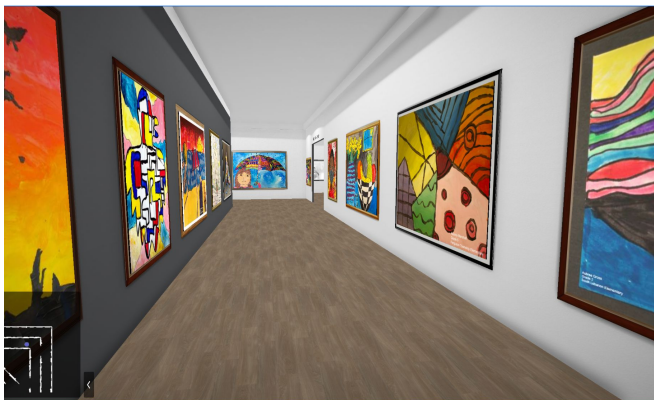
- Prizes packages were sponsored by Sargent Art and Blick



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Explore our exhibit: [tinyurl.com/payam22](https://tinyurl.com/payam22)



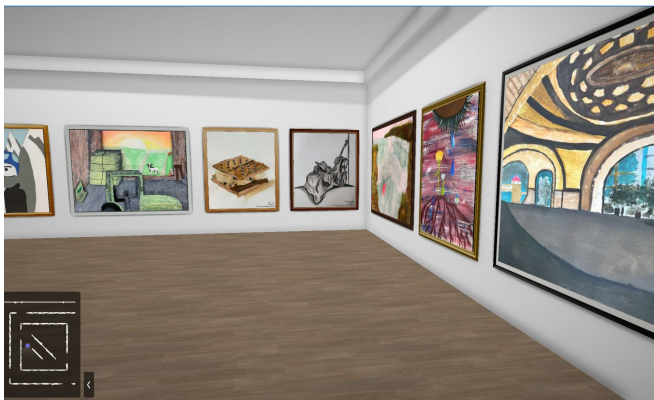
## Elementary Gallery and Division Awards



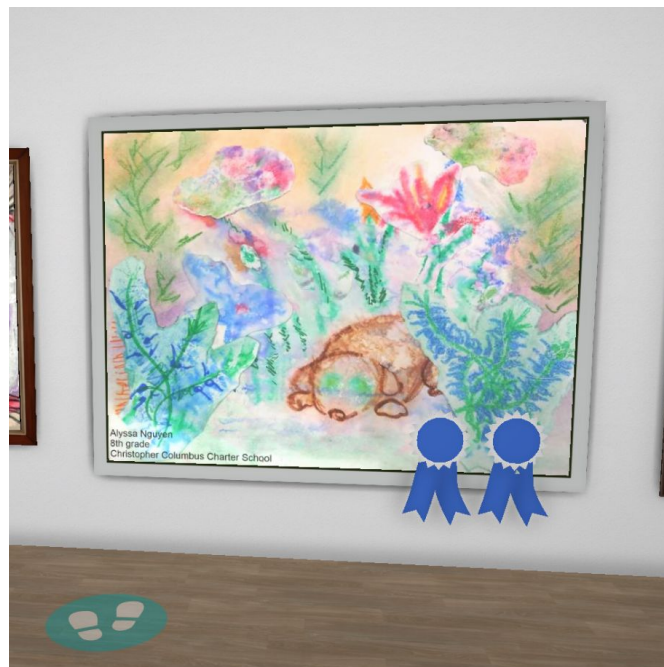
Elementary Division  
Winner



Elementary Division  
Honorable Mention



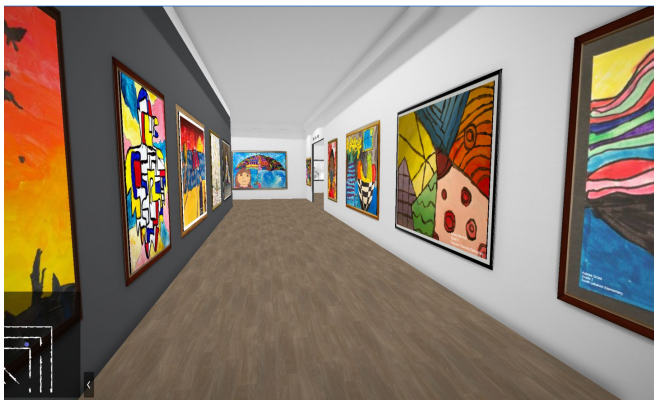
## Middle Gallery and Division Awards



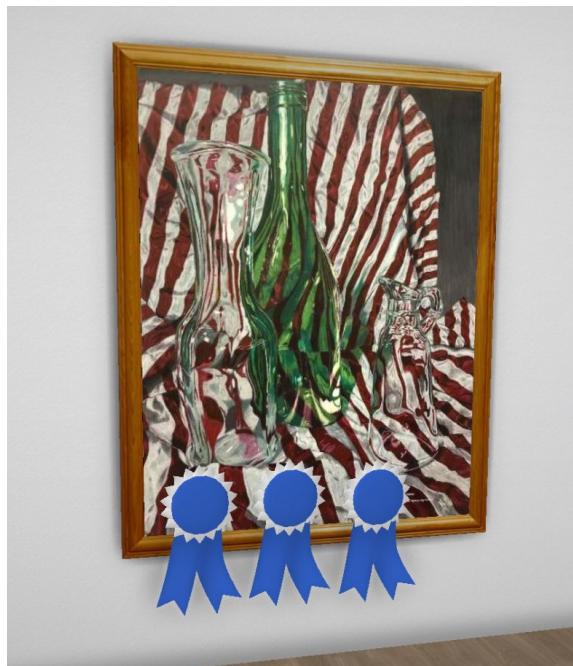
Middle Division  
Honorable Mention



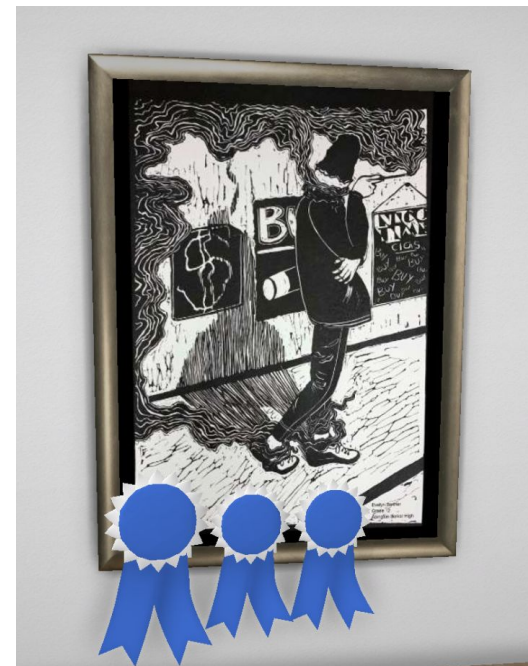
Middle Division Winner



## Secondary Gallery and Division Awards



Secondary Division  
Honorable Mention

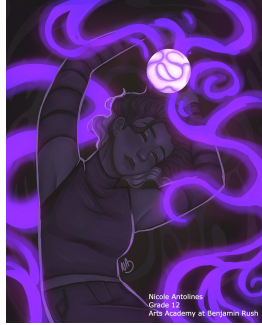


Secondary Division  
Winner

# Outstanding Achievement in Media Awards



Ceramics



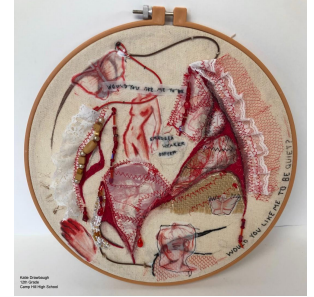
Digital Arts



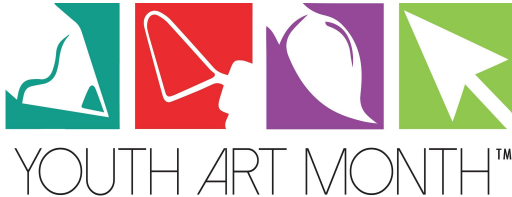
Drawing



Dark Room Photo



Fiber Arts



Painting



Sculpture



Mixed media

# PAEA Regional Awards of Excellence



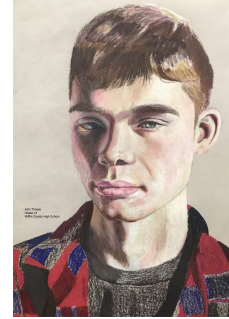
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Region 2



Region 3



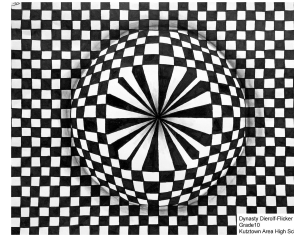
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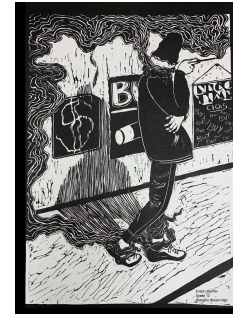
Region 7



Region 9



Region 10



Region 11



Region 12

## YAM Flags Exhibited

- YAM Flags were exhibited in our state show
- Awards were determined by an independent panel of judges
- The winning design will be flown at the PAEA Conference in October 2022
- Prizes were sponsored by Blick



## YAM Flags Awards



Elementary Division Winner



Middle Division Winner  
Overall Winning Design

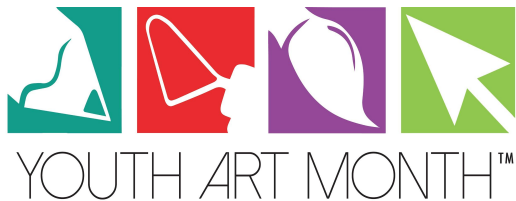
## YAM Flags Awards



Secondary Division Winner



Advocacy Winner



- PAEA's 2022 YAM Artist Reception and Award Ceremony was held via Zoom
- Nearly 100 Student/Families participated
- Recorded and uploaded to YouTube for accessibility.



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2022 Youth Art Month Awards Reception

# 2022 Youth Art Month Awards Ceremony

Saturday, March 12, 2022 1pm-2pm




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- Land Acknowledgement and resource guiding participants to learn about Indigenous lands they are occupying.



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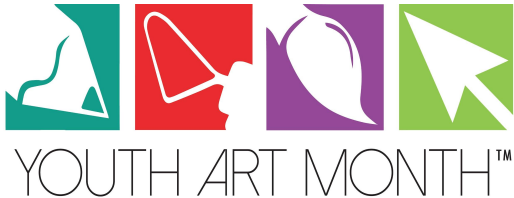
## Land Acknowledgment

- NAEA aspires to evolve based on the needs and opportunities shared by our community. As a collaborative network, we strive to be welcoming, to stand together, and to show support through our actions, words, and relationships.
- NAEA is continuously working to cultivate an environment of acceptance and inclusion. This type of environment is sustained by a collective responsibility to lead through curiosity, learning, understanding, and empathy.
  - —Excerpt from the DRAFT NAEA Core Values Statement (being finalized at the 2022 NAEA Delegates Assembly)
- We acknowledge lands an effort to create and foster conversations about the history of colonialism, Indigenous ways of knowing, and settler-Indigenous relations.
- To learn more visit [native-land.ca](https://native-land.ca).

CJ Matz (he/him)


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- A message from the PAEA President, Leslie Grace



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**Leslie Grace,  
PAEA President**



Leslie Grace  
PAEA President  
Art Educator, School District of Philadelphia

Leslie Grace  
president and  
chairperson of the  
Philadelphia Area  
Education Association  
PAEA

Leslie Grace

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- YAM Flag Awards  
presented by the PAEA  
YAM Flag Chair and  
Elementary Division  
Director, Liza Johnson



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# Youth Art Month Flag Contest



**Liza Johnson**  
YAM Flag Chairperson  
Elementary Division Director  
Art Educator, State College Area School District


Liza Johnson

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- YAM Exhibit Juror Introductions

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**Janna Gregonis**

Janna Gregonis has twenty years of experience as a jeweler and educator. She is a studio artist and has taught at the 92nd Street Y (NYC), Peters Valley (NJ), Kutztown University (PA), St. John's University (NYC), Penland School of Craft (NC). She currently teaches fulltime at Kutztown University. Exhibitions include: Schmuck (Munich, Germany) Museum Centre del Carme (Valencia, Spain), NYC Jewelry Week, Milton J. Weil Gallery (NYC), Velvet da Vinci (San Francisco) and she is in the collections of: Museum of the Brazilian Object (Brazil) and Fleur Bresler (US).

Janna has also spent many years working in the design world at moss and the Cooper Hewitt National Design Museum. She holds a BFA in Crafts from Kutztown University and a MFA from East Carolina University. She currently serves on the NYC Jewelry Week Advisory Board.

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**Jenn Biggs**

Jenn Biggs is a painter and designer working in Philadelphia. She graduated from Kutztown University for Fiber Arts and Philadelphia University for Print Design. Jenn currently designs home products for Anthropologie and is always painting for her own personal fun.

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**Ekaterina Popova**

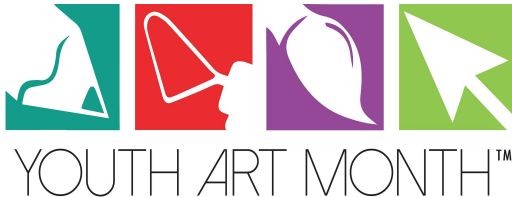
Ekaterina Popova is an award-winning international artist, founder of Create! Magazine, coach, and co-author. She is passionate about empowering creators to bring their dreams to reality and guides her coaching clients to step into their best life.

Born in Russia, she is known for her original oil paintings of interiors. Ekaterina received a Bachelor's in Fine Art from Kutztown University in 2011 and since then has been exhibiting her work both locally and internationally. She is interested in expressive work exploring mood and emotion. She is influenced by post-impressionism, fauvism, magical realism, which has enabled her to examine the subject of home, place, belonging, and identity over the past decade.

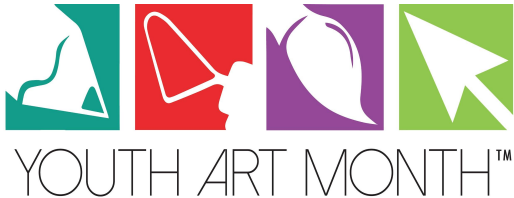
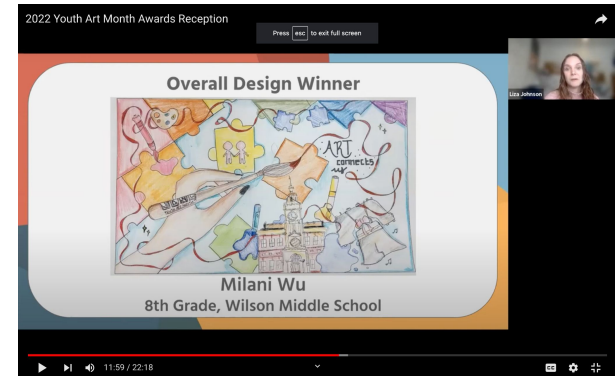
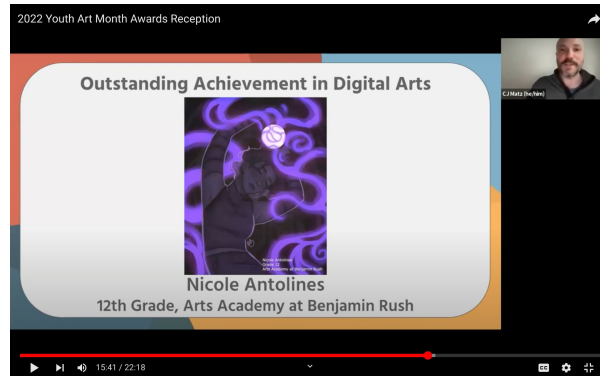
Her work has been exhibited nationally, including The Painting Center in New York, Cohle Gallery in Paris, James Oliver Gallery, Decorazon Gallery, Affordable Art Fair, Art Miami Fairs, The Trenton City Museum, Paradigm Gallery, Delaware Contemporary, The Boxheart Gallery, AIR Gallery, and more.

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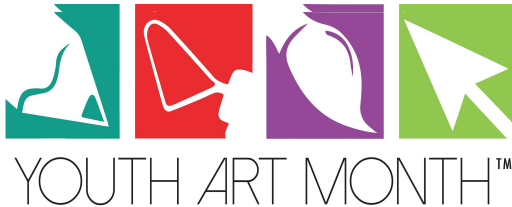


- Exhibit and Flag Awards were formally and publicly acknowledged during the Virtual Awards Ceremony



## Thank you:

- PAEA Board of Directors
- Governor Tom Wolf
- Pennsylvania Department of Education
- Noe Ortega, Secretary of Education
- Owen David Deitz, Department of Education
- Council for Art Education
- National Art Education Association
- Jurors
- Artsteps
- Sargent Art
- Blick Art Materials
- Senator Lindsey Williams
- State Representative Dianne Herrin
- State Representative Tim Briggs



# Acknowledgements

## Thank you:

- Your art teachers
- Family
- ...and of course, YOU!



- The hard work of our student artists received bipartisan support.
- The exhibit was shared by several of Pennsylvania's legislators via social media and was acknowledged and celebrated by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

