

News Release

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DeKalb High School Senior Art Exhibition at DeKalb Gallery

DeKalb Gallery will showcase the work of DeKalb High School senior students during the month of February. More than 20 DeKalb High School seniors will exhibit original works.

The exhibit will run from Feb. 5 through Feb. 24. There will be an artist reception on Thursday, Feb. 8 from 5-7 p.m. Artists, family, friends and the public are invited.

This is the fourth year that the DeKalb High School Senior Art Exhibition will be held at DeKalb Gallery. "We have a great partnership with the gallery," said Amy Brown, the art teacher at DeKalb High School who coordinated the show. "The DHS Senior Art Exhibition at the DeKalb Gallery is an event that DHS artists look forward to. The show has a reputation to exhibit emerging DHS artists that are transitioning from the high school to a public forum in exhibiting their artworks for sale."



Students in the Advanced Placement Portfolio Class discuss artwork on Jan. 21.

Exhibiting in a retail gallery is a wonderful learning experience for young artists according to DeKalb Gallery owner and curator Dan Grych. "The art program at the high school is just exceptional," Grych said. This exhibit takes the high school experience one step further. The students get the opportunity to work with a gallery owner, learn how to behave at a reception, and see their work and the work of more than ninety professional artists displayed in a retail environment with gallery lighting.

It's also a chance to learn how to part with their creations. While Grych said it's tough for students to sell pieces they've worked hard on and are proud of, this exhibit may help them develop detachment from their work, which is important for professional artists. "This is an opportunity I never had [in high school]" Grych said. "I want this to be a learning experience."

For more information about the 2007 DeKalb High School Senior Art Exhibition, contact Amy Brown at 754-2146 or abrown@dist428.org. DeKalb Gallery is located at 161 E. Lincoln Highway. Gallery hours are Tuesday-Friday 11:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m. and Saturday 11:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. Visit the DeKalb Gallery web site, www.dekalbgallery.com, for further information and to view pictures of the exhibit (after Feb. 5).