



ALBANY MUSEUM OF ART

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### CONGRESSMAN BISHOP ANNOUNCES DATES FOR STUDENT ART CONTEST

The 2019 Winner Will be Announced April 18 at the Albany Museum of Art

**[For Release Feb 22, 2019 – Albany, GA]**— High school students in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District of Georgia have until April 10 to submit artwork for 37th Annual Congressional Art Competition.

"I am excited to announce that my office is now accepting entries for this year's Congressional Art Competition," said Congressman Sanford D. Bishop, Jr., D-Albany. "This competition is a tremendous opportunity to showcase the considerable artistic talent of Georgia's 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District's high school students, and I am eager to see this year's entries!"

On **April 18**, the Albany Museum of Art will host a reception for the student artists from **5-7 pm**. All submitted artwork will be on display **April 16-19** in the Willson Auditorium. The winner will be announced at the reception. Congressman Bishop represents the 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District of Georgia, which includes Metro Albany and most of Southwest Georgia.

"We are always pleased to host this exhibition and the reception announcing the winner," AMA Executive Director Paula Williams said. "These young artists do fantastic work, and it's to the lawmakers' credit that by hosting this competition each year they not only foster a new generation of budding artists, they demonstrate an understanding of the importance of art in building a stronger community and nation."

The winning artist's work, along with the winning artwork from the other participating U.S. congressional districts, will be on display for a year in the Cannon Tunnel, a heavily traveled underground walkway that connects the House office buildings with the U.S. Capitol.

The winning artist and a parent will be provided roundtrip airfare to the nation's capital this summer to join Congressman Bishop at the national reception for the district winners.

The Albany Museum of Art, in addition to hosting the district reception and the weeklong district exhibition, will make a \$250 purchase offer for the winning artwork. The AMA also will provide two-night accommodations at a Washington area hotel for the winning student and parent.

“Our trustees at the Albany Museum of Art understand the importance of a program such as this in the developing the next generation of great artists,” Williams noted. “They contribute financially to ensure that the museum can provide this purchase award offer, as well as the hotel stay that makes it possible for the student and parent to enjoy this once-in-a-lifetime experience.”

All artwork must be submitted to Congressman Bishop’s Office at 323 Pine Avenue, Suite 400 in Albany by **April 10, 2019**.

The official competition rules can be found online at **[www.house.gov/educators-and-students/congressional-art-competition](http://www.house.gov/educators-and-students/congressional-art-competition)**.

For more information, please contact Toni Pickel at Congressman Bishop’s Albany District Office by emailing her at **[toni.pickel@mail.house.gov](mailto:toni.pickel@mail.house.gov)** or phoning 229.439.8067.

### **CURRENT AMA EXHIBITIONS**

- *Memory and Meaning*, works by Masud Olufani, is in the Haley Gallery through June 15, 2019;
- *Stack: Lego Works* by Mike Landers is in the East Gallery through March 30, 2019;
- *This Unfolding Idyll*, works by Benjamin Britton, is in the West Gallery through Feb 23, 2019.

### **ABOUT THE ALBANY MUSEUM OF ART**

The Albany Museum of Art, located in Albany, Georgia, adjacent to Albany State University West Campus just off Gillionville Road is accredited by the American Alliance of Museums. The Albany Museum of Art is open 10 am through 5 pm Tuesdays through Fridays and noon until 5 pm on Saturdays. Admission is free.

For more information about the AMA please visit our website, [www.albanymuseum.com](http://www.albanymuseum.com) or call 229.439.8400.

### **PHOTO CAPTION:**

Gerald Corker, a Cairo High School student, is shown with, from left, his art teacher, Maria Vesquez; mother, Melaine Corker, and U.S. Congressman Sanford D. Bishop Jr. in June 2018 in Washington, D.C. Gerald Corker's painting of his grandmother won the 2018 Congressional Student Art Competition for the 2nd Congressional District of Georgia and has been on display at the nation's capital for the past year. (Special photo)

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