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THE APPLICATION PERIOD IS OPEN FOR 2022-23 AMA TEEN ART BOARD

Albany Museum of Art Helps High School Students Develop Leadership Skills

[For Release July 14, 2022 – Albany, GA] — Teens who want to make a difference in their community are invited to apply to be members of the Albany Museum of Art Teen Art Board for the 2022-23 school year.

The deadline to apply is **Wednesday, Aug 31, 2022**. The application can be downloaded at www.albanymuseum.com/teen-art-board.

“Each year, our Teen Art Board shows a strong commitment to making a better community through art,” said AMA Director of Education and Public Programming Annie Vanoteghem, who advises the group. “They work together to find solutions that have a real impact on others.”

In the recently completed 2021-22 school year, Vanoteghem challenged the Teen Art Board (TAB) to find a way to address concerns area teens had about the negative effects of the pandemic. They arrived at mental health concerns from unnoticed or unaddressed anxiety, stress, and pressure. As a result, they worked with Vanoteghem to establish a new program at the AMA—Student Art Studio Saturdays, or SASS.

Funded with sponsorship from the Morehouse School of Medicine, on the second Saturday of each month of the school year, teens can engage in art together as they enjoy light snacks and listen to music in the AMA classroom. There is no cost to participate. The program is on break because of the heavy schedule of summer art camps at the AMA. SASS returns on Saturday, Sept. 10.

During the 2020-21 school year, the TAB conducted its Love for Liberty House art drive. The teens collected art supplies and donations to provide personal art kits and art supplies for children who were staying at Liberty House in Albany to escape domestic abuse.

“The AMA Teen Art Board helps teens develop leadership skills that will serve them well in life,” AMA Executive Director Andrew J. Wulf, Ph.D., said. “They look for an area in the lives of children or teens

that they can improve, then come up with a plan and execute it. It demonstrates the enormous impact for good that art can have, and helps them find and hone their critical-thinking skills.”

Vanoteghem said that TAB members commit to attending meetings and occasional events during the 2022-23 school year, and should have a passion for art and developing community projects.

“In addition to improving their leadership skills, TAB members gain a behind-the-scenes understanding of how museums operate through the program,” Vanoteghem said. “That insight will enhance their foundational knowledge of art history, museum work, and creative careers through workshops, lectures, and discussions with staff and artists. It’s a culturally rich opportunity that will have untold benefits in the future.”

Once the application period is complete, interviews will be conducted. The teen board will begin meeting this fall.

Questions about the AMA Teen Art Board should be emailed to **annie.vanoteghem@albanymuseum.com**, or call her at **229.439.8400**.

AMA EXHIBITIONS

- *Homecoming*, which features works from the Albany Museum of Art Permanent Collection, is in all galleries May 12-Aug 13, 2022.

ABOUT THE ALBANY MUSEUM OF ART

The Albany Museum of Art is located at 311 Meadowlark Drive in Albany, Ga., adjacent to Albany State University West Campus just off Gillionville Road. The museum is accredited by the American Alliance of Museums. The Albany Museum of Art is open to the public 10 am-5 pm Tuesdays through Saturdays. Admission is free.

For more information about the AMA please visit our website, www.albanymuseum.com, or call 229.439.8400. Be sure to follow the @AlbanyArtMuseum on Twitter, AlbanyMuseum on Instagram, and AlbanyMuseumOfArt on Facebook.

CAPTION:

Student Art Studio Saturdays, conducted monthly during the school year, is a free arts program for teens at the Albany Museum of Art. The program was conceived by teens who were members of the AMA Teen Art Board. The application period for high school students who would like to join the Teen Art Board for the 2022-23 school year is open through Aug 31. (Photo: Albany Museum of Art)

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