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## MARYLAND'S YOUTH SHINE AGAIN AT THE LEWIS' SECOND ANNUAL HIGH SCHOOL JURIED ART SHOW EXHIBITION

**January 6, 2010 – (Baltimore, MD)** The Reginald F. Lewis Museum in partnership with the Maryland State Education Association (MSEA) is proud to showcase the winners of its **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Maryland Statewide High School Juried Art Show from January 17 to February 28** to commemorate the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. The exhibition will feature works by young artists from several regions across the state which include Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Hartford, and Prince George's counties.

Out of 60 entries submitted for this competition, 18 finalists' pieces were selected to be featured in the show. Young artists entered works responding to the theme of art and social issues, as inspired by the museum's special exhibition, *From Process to Print: Graphic Works by Romare Bearden* (organized by the Romare Bearden Foundation) on view January 16 to March 28.

"As jurors, we had a hard time selecting the prize-winning pieces because many were so deserving. Works like 'War and Its Effects' (first-place honors), which conveyed social themes and also integrated technical skills similar to Romare Bearden's works, were the most impressive," explains Dr. Michelle Joan Wilkinson, director of collections and exhibitions.

This year's honors include:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Honors – Sunmisire Adefioye, Laurel High School, Prince George's County
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Honors – Sophia Felder, Suitland Visual and Performing Arts High School, Prince George's County
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Honors – Yasmin Naylor, George Washington Carver Center for Arts and Technology, Baltimore County
- Honorable Mention – Sophia Felder, Suitland Visual and Performing Arts High School, Prince George's County

The winners will be honored at the MSEA's Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast Program Celebration on Saturday, January 16 and will be acknowledged in the *Journeys* publication for museum members. Students' art work will be displayed at the Maryland State Department of Education March 10 to April 16 and at the Maryland State Education Association April 26 to May 21. The top three winners received cash prizes of \$250, \$100 and \$75, respectively.

*The Reginald F. Lewis Museum is Baltimore's premier facility highlighting the history and accomplishments of African Americans with a special focus on Maryland's African American community. The Museum is the East Coast's largest African American museum occupying an 82,000 square-foot facility with ample permanent and special exhibition space, interactive learning environments, auditorium, resource center, oral history recording studio, museum shop, café, classrooms, meeting rooms, outside terrace and reception areas. The museum is located near Baltimore's Inner Harbor at the corner of Pratt and President Streets. For more information, please call 443-263-1800 or visit the museum's website at [www.AfricanAmericanCulture.org](http://www.AfricanAmericanCulture.org).*

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