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Student Art “Reflections at the Rectory” Display

WHAT: Winning artwork from the students of Advanced Placement Art at the Norcross and Paul Duke Stem high schools, as well as international baccalaureate students from Norcross High School, will be on view at the Norcross branch of the Gwinnett County Public Library.

WHEN: Thursday, June 1, 2023 to September 1, 2023

WHERE: Gwinnett County Public Library
Norcross Branch
5735 Buford Highway
Norcross, GA 39971

INFO: Norcross Gallery & Studios, in partnership with the City of Norcross hosted Mark Mason Karelson to jury the exhibition, “Reflections at the Rectory”.

Karelson is a familiar face in Atlanta’s contemporary art scene, frequently featured in *ArtsAtI*. An alumnus of Rutgers University, he is the founder of Mason Fine Arts and Events, now located in Buckhead’s newly burgeoning gallery district on Miami Circle.

Karelson founded the organization Very Special Arts of Georgia, dedicated to improving access to the arts for people with disabilities. In addition, he has long supported Manhattan's Outsider Art Fair with donations of his own collage and photomontage art. He has been developing a museum to feature outsider art at the Marriott Tower by Lenox Mall, which is slated to open June 2023.

With painstaking care, Karelson selected four artworks whose artists received ribbons and cash awards for honorable mention through first prize. He was so impressed with the overall quality of the work on view and exclaimed that it was so consistently good, he donated his stipend so that every student artist participating received a gift card. Art supply store Sam Flax provided generous gift cards to every ribbon winner as well.

Students who received awards are: Grace Peagler from Norcross High School, Honorable Mention; Maggie Burns from Norcross High School, Third Place; Angelique Concepcion from NHS, Second place; Noelle Kreiner from Paul Duke, First Place.

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