

Grandparent Portrait Show at Faulkner Gallery

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OVERJOYED WITH EXCITEMENT AND PRIDE, local junior high and high school students offered a glimpse into their family roots by showcasing portraits of their grandparents and significant elders during the opening of *The Grandparent Portrait Show* last week. Over 200 portraits in various media are featured and on view through April 29th at the Faulkner Gallery. This biennial exhibition, produced by the Santa Barbara Art Association's Student Art Fund (SAF), aims to strengthen and at times create a bond between generations.

"There were over 500 students and family members at the reception – a fantastic intergenerational and culturally diverse event,"



Best of Show by **Mia Franco**

shared Sally Hamilton, SAF committee member. "Everyone was so proud and happy!"

Twelve sponsored awards and five Honorary Mentions were announced during last week's reception. Best of Show winner received \$450, the other eleven winners received \$150, and all of the winning students' teachers received gift certificates from Art Essentials. The award winners were selected through a process that included SAF committee members and juror John Houchin. Volunteers framed the 2-D entries with frames donated by Ty Warner.

"There are so many highly skilled artists representing sculpture, photography, collage, mixed media, painting, and drawing," shared Houchin. "The show had a record number of works, but if these are any indication of the caliber of art education that is offered in our community, we should all be grateful and very proud of students and teachers as well."

Awards presented: **Santa Barbara Art Association Best of Show** : Mia Franco, San Marcos HS; **Audie Love Award**: Dawson Dewan, San Marcos HS; **World Wide Pictures Award**: Lucas Hester, La Colina JHS; **Channel City Camera Club Award for Photography**: Jose Rodrigo Fuentes Deceano, La Cumbre JHS;



Some of the *Grandparent Portrait Show* Winners: (back) **Sophie Cameron, Yun-Pei Lee, Rena Yang, Dawson Dewan, Amoreena Hammond, and Quichao Xu.** (front) **Lucas Hester, Jose Fuentes, Mia Franco, and Francisco Oropeza**

Kovacs Family Award: Francisco Oropeza, Dos Pueblos HS; **La Arcada Plaza Award**: Qichao Xu, San Marcos HS; **Thomas and Willa Mann Award**: Keylin Davenport, Santa Barbara HS, VADA; **American Riviera Bank Award**: Emily La, Dos Pueblos HS; **Foose Designs Award**: Yun-Pei Lee, San Marcos HS; **Gwen T Dawson Award**: Amoreena Hammond, San Marcos HS; **Bonnie Hill Award**: Josie Doughty, Dos Pueblos HS; and **Acquiesce Award**: Rena Yang, Dos Pueblos HS

Five Honorable Mentions were awarded to: Marisa Arellanes, San Marcos HS; Amanda Brex, San Marcos HS; Emily Sam, Dos Pueblos HS; Sophie Cameron, Dos Pueblos HS; and Becky Au, Dos Pueblos HS.

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All of the portraits in the 2017 Grandparent Portrait Art Show can be viewed online at www.studentartfund.org