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**YOUNG ARTIST EXHIBITION EXPANDS TO TWO VENUES:
W. DALE CLARK LIBRARY AND ARTISTS' COOPERATIVE GALLERY**

The 13th annual Omaha Summer Arts Festival Young Artist Exhibition, sponsored by Target and Qwest, will be presented at two venues. The work of high school students will be displayed at the Artists' Cooperative Gallery, 405 S. 11th Street, and the work of middle school students will be exhibited in the Michael Phipps Gallery of the W. Dale Clark Library, 215 S. 15th Street. Both exhibitions will be presented on Saturday, June 28 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, June 29, from noon to 5 p.m.

"We are excited to have two locations this year," said Cathy Witt Tichauer, who has coordinated the exhibition since it began in 1995. "At the Artists' Co-op, high school students will have the opportunity to be involved and interact with a downtown art gallery. This experience will be especially valuable for students interested in selling their art and/or pursuing art as a career. And, middle school students will have the wonderful Michael Phipps Gallery all to themselves. They deserve it because their work is truly remarkable!"

Each year, children and teens of all skill levels and backgrounds in grades six through 12 are invited to submit original artwork for inclusion in the Young Artist Exhibition. The event is held to highlight school-based arts education and to foster the talent of young artists by providing a venue to display and celebrate their work. Exhibit categories include clay, drawing, graphics/printmaking, 3D mixed media, painting and sculpture.

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Two special receptions will be held during the exhibition to honor its participants. At 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 28, the high school artists will be recognized at the Young Artist Exhibition Awards Brunch held at the Artists' Cooperative Gallery. More than \$2,000 in scholarships, merit awards, framing and art supplies will be presented followed by a breakfast buffet. On Sunday, June 29, at 3:30 p.m. at the W. Dale Clark Library, a special reception will be held to honor the elementary and middle school participants. More than \$500 in art supplies, as well as certificates of recognition will be presented to the student artists followed by cookies and lemonade in the Library café. All participating students, their art educators, families and friends are invited to attend.

For more information regarding the Omaha Summer Arts Festival presented by First National Bank, and the Young Artist Exhibition sponsored by Target and Qwest, please visit the web at **wwwSummerArts.org**

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