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AVPA Takes Care of Business at MOCA

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Taking Care of Business. TCB. That's exactly what these Academy of Visual and Performing Arts (AVPA) students have done to create their TCB "zine." The Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA) will produce the various story lines the art students have developed into the "zine." The students' work will be exhibited at the Launch Reception at MOCA's Grand Avenue location at 250 South Grand Ave. The reception is on Sunday, April 23rd from 4:00-6:30 p.m. It's free and open to the public.



Through MOCA's program, "First Visit and Beyond," the students created original artwork based on an exhibition called "Masters of American Comics," running concurrently at two venues – MOCA and UCLA's Hammer Museum. They learned how to develop, construct, and create comic book stories that ranged from the political to the historical to the humorous.

MOCA's artist-educators Fabrizio Flores and John Ildefonso implemented the program in the classroom with the AVPA students and not only helped them develop their ideas, but also showed them how to execute their ideas in a way that was uniquely their own. According to Flores, "Working with these students has been a very rewarding experience. We've put the tools in their hands, but they've used them in a way that's given their final product a flavor we could not have imagined when we started working with the group."

Denise Gray, the Education Program Coordinator for MOCA said, "It's been a pleasure working with the students from Culver City High School once again. We appreciate being able to work in such depth with students who are so dedicated to their art. This year the student's final project is interesting both in its scope and the diversity of the story lines the students chose to follow."

"The MOCA program has been an amazing opportunity for the students, as it is every year. We so appreciate the support of Sony Pictures Entertainment, which has made this opportunity possible for our students," says Kristine Hatanaka, the director for AVPA's art program. "I continue to be grateful for the opportunities these students are getting to work with organizations like MOCA. It's such a rare gift to these young artists."

For information about the TCB Exhibition, contact Denise Gray at 213-633-5310 or dgray@moca.org.

The Academy of Visual and Performing Arts (AVPA) at Culver City High School offers a comprehensive arts curriculum after regular school hours for students who are committed to excellence in Art, Film, Theatre, Dance, and Music. Established in 1996, AVPA enjoys tremendous support from the community as well as from Sony Pictures

Entertainment and other design, recording, and theatre companies in the area. For more information about the Academy, go to www.avpa.org or contact Tony Spano at 310-842-4200 6094 or x6009.



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MOCA1: CCHS Senior Qubo Guo with his TCB panels

MOCA2: CCHS Senior Ricardo Ibarra (L) with MOCA artist-educator, Fabrizio Flores

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