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AVPA Art Student Takes a Look At Global Citizenship

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This week, a painting by Sue Li, a senior at Culver City High School's Academy of Visual and Performing Arts, is on its way to a "Sister Cities International" exhibition in Washington, DC. Li's artwork was selected by the Culver City Sister City Committee for the Sister Cities International Showcase of Young Artists exhibition. The show will take place during their 50th Anniversary Conference in July.

Li's painting addresses this year's competition theme, "What does Global Citizenship look like?" In addition to being displayed at the Sister Cities International conference, each piece could possibly win a cash award for the student. A panel of judges will select eleven pieces from the exhibition for the awards based on theme interpretation, composition and originality.



Kristine Hatanaka, the director of AVPA's art program, is quite proud of Li's accomplishments this year. Li was selected to be an intern at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art this fall and received two silver awards, also for paintings, in the Scholastic Art Competition in February. That month she also learned she had been

selected for the ten week Young Artists Studio Program at OTIS College of Art and Design. According to Hatanaka, "Sue's had a great year. And she has created a really wonderful painting for the Sister Cities Showcase. I couldn't be more proud."

Sister Cities International promotes peace through mutual respect, understanding and cooperation through one individual, one community at a time. Since 1962, the Culver City Sister City Committee has had a mandate to share Culver City with the world and bring the world to Culver City. Its sister cities include Lethbridge, Canada; Kaizuka, Japan; Iksan City, South Korea; and Uruapan, Mexico.

Sonia Karroum, president of Culver City's Sister City Committee, is pleased at how working with AVPA for the Young Artists Showcase has turned out. According to Karroum, "We are delighted to have been able to offer this opportunity to a Culver City student artist from the AVPA and to help her get National exposure. We're excited to see what this young artist's mind thinks Global Citizenship really looks and feels like. We are confident that Li's painting will gain admiration and recognition at this 50th Anniversary Conference in Washington D.C."

Pam Magee, Principal of Culver City High School, has also enjoyed this connection with the Sister City Committee. Magee says, "Sometimes I'm not sure how she does it, but Kristine Hatanaka always seems to find unique ways for her students to exhibit their artwork. This Sister Cities International showcase is yet another example of that."

For more information about the Culver City Sister City Committee, go to www.culvercity.org or contact membership chair, Joyce Perlick at theperlicks@aol.com or president, Sonia Karroum at sonia.karroum@culvercity.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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CCHS Principal, Pam Magee (L) and Culver City Sister Cities President, Sonia Karroum (R) with Sue Li and her artwork.

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