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AVPA Art Students Exhibit at MOCA

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Fwoosh, Whap, Fwoom! According to some, it's the sound a paintbrush makes against the canvas. It's also the name of an MOCA exhibition showcasing art created by thirty Culver City High School students in the Academy of Visual and Performing Arts (APVA).

The exhibition is possible through the support of SONY Pictures Entertainment and is a part of MOCA's community art education program. It will include the students' original paintings and installations at the Pacific Design Center from April 8 through April 14, 2005.



MOCA artist-educators, Fabrizio Flores and Amy Green have been with the AVPA students every step of the way through a program called "First Visit & Beyond." The students have explored one-hundred years of ground-breaking modern and contemporary art through two MOCA exhibitions: *Into the Unknown* and *Visual Music*.

According to Green, "It's been inspiring to see the choices individual students make. We've put a lot in their hands, encouraging them to make their own decisions about how to make art, as well as how to curate, install, and plan their exhibition."

Kristine Hatanaka, AVPA's director for the Art program said, "I am the luckiest art teacher in the world. Not everyone gets such an opportunity to work with The Museum of Contemporary Art. And we couldn't have done it without the support of Sony Pictures Entertainment. I'm very grateful to them because they've made it possible for my students

to exhibit their artwork professionally in the Pacific Design Center, which is a very rare gift for anyone, but particularly for young artists."

Denise Gray, MOCA's Education Program Coordinator said, "We have few opportunities to work for an extended time and in such great depth with creative high school students, so we treasure the partnership with Culver City High School and Kristine Hatanaka. Our relationship has grown every year, culminating in dynamic exhibitions that feature the broad, sophisticated talent of these young artists. This year's show will likely be the most ambitious to date."

An opening reception will be held Friday, April 8, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Pacific Design Center, Room B208. The exhibition can be viewed by appointment until it closes on April 15. For Information, call 213-633-5310 or contact 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 community support from SONY and other design, recording, and theatre companies in the area.



Photo caption:

MOCA1 - Wendy Silva and MOCA artist/educator, Fabrizio Flores

MOCA2 - Zoe Ahearn