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SHELDON ART GALLERIES FEATURES WORKS BY MEHLVILLE HIGH SCHOOL ART STUDENTS

ST. LOUIS, MO - The Sheldon Art Galleries presents *Inspirations: Art by Students of Mehlville High School*, March 7 – May 17, 2014 in the AT&T Gallery of Children’s Art. **An opening reception is scheduled for Friday, March 7 from 5 – 7 p.m.** Galleries are open until 9 p.m. for First Fridays in Grand Center. The Sheldon Art Galleries are open Tuesdays, Noon – 8 p.m.; Wednesdays - Fridays, Noon – 5 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. and one hour prior to Sheldon performances and during intermission. Admission is free. For more information on exhibitions, visit the galleries’ website at TheSheldon.org/galleries.asp.



This exhibition features works in a variety of mediums, including photography, drawing, painting, sculpture, and ceramics by students of Mehlville’s Visual Arts program. With six dedicated art teachers, Mehlville has a unique art program. Students are prepared with 2D and 3D Art Foundation courses that are designed to introduce a variety of studio practices. The school offers courses in drawing, painting, ceramics, sculpture, photography, computer art, applied design, printmaking, AP studio art and AP art history. The faculty inspires students to develop their creativity, improve their skills, and achieve success with

guided practice and hard work. The exhibition is curated by Rebecca Gunter, gallery coordinator and education manager.

Students participating include: Collin Burt, Alyssa Camacho, Aaron Chiodini, Paige Cissell, Hannah Cordes, Megan Furlong, Daisy Gebhardt, Megan Gurley, Amber Haake, Michael Harper, Lejla Havic, Greycen Hogan, Kayla Kapral, Hannah Kippenberger, Hanna Kolaks, Sabrina Landman, Destiny Laxton, Kasey Leeders, Christina Lu, Megan Maloney, Alexis Nix, Sabina Okanovic, Jennifer Pennington, Emily Presnell, Juliet Prudent, Adele Raquepaw, Lilah Raquepaw, Melia Reeves-Long, Karly Ringstad, Melissa Rogers, Bailey Ruggeri, Kayla Sellers, Danielle Tuegel, Katie Turnbough, Samantha Turnbough, Julianne Wallinger, Bree Wrice, Emily Young, and Kenzie Young.

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Mehlville Art Teachers: Jan Brander-Kinnison, Robyn Ferraro, Cleveanne Kauffmann, Jessica Riddle, Josie Talve-Goodman, Julie Webber.

The not-for-profit Sheldon Art Galleries exhibits works by local, national and international artists in all media. Over 6,000 square feet of the galleries' spaces on the 2nd floor are permanently devoted to rotating exhibits of photography, architecture, jazz art and history and children's art. A sculpture garden, seen from both the atrium lobby and the connecting glass bridge, features periodic rotations and installations, and the Nancy Spirtas Kranzberg Gallery on the lower level features art of all media. The Sheldon actively supports the work of St. Louis artists in all mediums and features a dedicated gallery with museum-quality exhibits by St. Louis artists, past and present.

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Image caption: Hannah Cordes, *Butterfly*, 2013, inkjet print from digital file, 9.5 x 13.25 inches, Jessica Riddle, instructor, Mehlville High School.