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WORKS BY 'PICTURE THE MUSIC' ART CONTESTANTS FEATURED IN SHELDON ART GALLERIES

ST. LOUIS, MO - The Sheldon Art Galleries presents *Picture the Music: Director's Choice V*, June 5 – August 1, 2015 in the AT&T Gallery of Children's Art. **An opening reception is scheduled for Friday, June 5 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.

The Saint Louis Symphony's Picture the Music program is sponsored by the Employees Community Fund of Boeing St. Louis. The exhibition at the Sheldon Art Galleries is made possible in part by Peggy Walter Symes.



Each year, the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra sponsors *Picture the Music*, an art contest open to children in grades K-6 from the St. Louis/Metro East area, who are asked to respond to classical music selections in visual terms. This year, students were inspired by the 4th movement of Beethoven's *Symphony No. 6*, also known as *The Pastoral Symphony*. In this collaboration between the Sheldon Art Galleries and the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra Volunteer Association who organize the Symphony's exhibit, *Picture the Music* that travels to area shopping malls, Sheldon Art Galleries' director Olivia Lahs-Gonzales, who has been an

invited *Picture the Music* contest juror since 2001, chose 50 works from over 500 entries for The Sheldon's exclusive version of the show. This exhibition differs from the exhibition of 100 works which traveled to St. Louis-area malls immediately after the jurying process and many were not in the Symphony's traveling exhibit. The Sheldon Art Galleries installation is the 5th in a series of *Director's Choice* exhibition collaborations with the St. Louis Symphony.

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Included in the exhibition are works by Christopher Apotheker, St. Mary's School; Evelyn Barton, Rock Creek Elementary School; JaDen Beasley, Cool Valley Elementary School; Conner Blair, Smithton Elementary School; Joseph Bowers, St. Paul Lutheran School; Malik Byndom, Loyola Academy of St. Louis; Gabriela Cange, High Mount Elementary School; Jack Cipfl, Shiloh Village Elementary School; Saskia Dentman, Dentman Homeschool; Cory Eakins, Pevely Elementary School; Nasir Edwards, Shaw VPA Elementary School; Peyton Elli, St Peter Catholic School; Andrea Elze, Christ Community Lutheran School; Shaylin Esch, Pevely Elementary School; Grace Fentress, Kirk Christian Day School; Kyra Fogle, Southern Boone Elementary School; Gracie Francis, Dardenne Elementary School; Stella Goltzman, Saul Mirowitz Jewish Community School; Molly Heller, St. Peter Catholic School; Parker Holthaus, St. Clement of Rome Catholic School; Noah Hosick, Benton Grade School; Alex Hutsell, Dardenne Elementary School; Connor James, Emge Elementary School; Stratton Kaempfe, United in Christ Lutheran Church; Ella Koeninger, St Dominic Savio School; Kamryn Kraus, Salem Lutheran School; Jeremiah Krone, Daniel Boone Elementary School; Ahsiah Lindie, Moline Elementary School; Kaylee MacKaben, Twin Chimneys Elementary School; Kaley Morgan, Twin Chimneys Elementary School; Alex Murphy, Roosevelt Elementary School; Kaley Murray, Beaufort Elementary School; Elizabeth Nolting, Covenant Christian School; Elle Panke, Daniel Boone Elementary School; Lane Pawlik, Emge Elementary School; Adeena Peters, Saul Mirowitz Jewish Community School; Brooke Regean, Christian Middle School; Sofia Reinken, Twin Oaks Christian School; Aubree Rice-Peterson, High Mount Elementary School; Gabby St Jean, Dardenne Elementary School; Daniel Schultz, Kirk Christian Day School; Macie Sexton, Southern Boone Elementary School; Dalton Short, St. Mary Elementary School; Kathleen Staengel, Lewis & Clark Elementary School; Kendyl Stajduhar, Estelle Kampmeyer Elementary School; Finneas Stergos, Lewis & Clark Elementary School; Keshla Taylor, Cool Valley Elementary School; Nelson Vickar, Saul Mirowitz Jewish Community School; Jackson Viers, Rock Creek Elementary School; Taylor Watts, Clarence Cannon Elementary School.

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, music 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. Financial Assistance for this project has been provided by the Missouri Arts Council, a state agency. Support is provided by the Regional Arts Commission and the Arts and Education Council.

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Image caption: Gabriella Cange, *The Silver Moon, Golden Sun*, 2015, crayon and marker on paper, 12 x 18 inches, High Mount School, Swansea, Illinois, Teacher: George Wilkerson.