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Re: Young Voices, Horseshoe Crabs and the Arts 2016

Our 2016 contest year received 567 entries from China, Hong Kong, and the USA. Our judges selected 40 of the most compelling artworks from each grade level that entered. As always, the task was challenging, for all forms of personal expression are, by their very nature, an honest reflection of the heart within. Since the program’s inception in 1998, the Young Voices that give this program life, has grown from a few hundred, to many thousands around the world. We celebrate these young environmental stewards, whose compassion for the conservation of this remarkable species, expressed through art, has elevated and transformed our perception of this often-misunderstood marine.

We have completely renovated the Poem, Tales & Images section of our website, which now includes a gallery for both our Young Voices™ student artists and professional artists. Please stop by, we think you will be impressed.

In addition to posting this year’s selected artists on our website’s new Young Voices™ gallery, we will also be featuring one or two artist per week on our Facebook page beginning January 20th, 2017 and continuing every Friday thereafter.

It is our hope, that our viewing audience will “Like” and “Share” this artwork with their friends around the world in celebration of the Young Voices who created it.

Please join us in celebration of these remarkable and compassionate young artists.

To the artists and educators who have made this program possible, we give our heart-felt thanks.

Glenn Gauvry
President, ERDG Inc.
Selected Artists 2016

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1. **Artist:** Reese Westberg  
   **School:** Top of the World Studio Gallery / Nathaniel Morton Elementary, Plymouth, MA  
   **Medium:** Pastel  
   Teacher: Heidi Mayo

2. **Artist:** Shea Donnelly  
   **School:** Top of the World Studio Gallery, Plymouth, MA  
   **Medium:** Pastel  
   Teacher: Heidi Mayo

1st Grade
3. **Artist:** Lile Boiler  
   **School:** Mark Newbie School, Collingswood, NJ  
   **Medium:** Tempera and Marker  
   Teacher: Marie Mayer

4. **Artist:** Lu Zhi He  
   **School:** Beihai International School of Affiliated High Schools to Minzu University, Beihai, China  
   **Medium:** Chinese Paper Cut  
   Teacher: Wang Ying

2nd Grade
5. **Artist:** Yang Peining  
   **School:** Beihai Experimental School, Beihai, China  
   **Medium:** Pencil and Marker  
   Teacher: Li Chuanli

6. **Artist:** Lyla Jones  
   **School:** Top of the World Studio Gallery / Hedge Elementary, Plymouth, MA  
   **Medium:** Pastel  
   Teacher: Heidi Mayo

7. **Artist:** Lao Jingyi  
   **School:** Beihai Experimental School, Beihai, China  
   **Medium:** Chinese Brush Painting  
   Teacher: Pang Bin

3rd Grade
8. **Artist:** Emma Pesa  
   **School:** Top of the World Studio Gallery / Sacred Heart, Kingston, MA  
   **Medium:** Pastel  
   Teacher: Heidi Mayo
9. **Artist:** Abigail Matinzi  
   **School:** Top of the World Studio Gallery, Plymouth, MA  
   **Medium:** Pastel  
   Teacher: Heidi Mayo

10. **Artist:** Ou Huayu  
    **School:** Beihai Experimental School, Beihai, China  
    **Medium:** Colored Pencil  
    Teacher: Qin Xiaolin

11. **Artist:** Pang Yayun  
    **School:** Beihai Experimental School, Beihai, China  
    **Medium:** Marker  
    Teacher: Qin Xiaolin

4th Grade

12. **Artist:** Guo Xun  
    **School:** Beihai Experimental School, Beihai, China  
    **Medium:** Marker and Watercolor  
    Teacher: Li Chuanli

13. **Artist:** Li Fengping  
    **School:** Beihai Experimental School, Beihai, China  
    **Medium:** Marker and Watercolor  
    Teacher: Li Chuanli

14. **Artist:** Keara Timmerman  
    **School:** Pointer Run Elementary, Clarksville, MD  
    **Medium:** Story  
    Teacher: Eric Jayne

15. **Artist:** Lily Ulman  
    **School:** Pointer Run Elementary, Clarksville, MD  
    **Medium:** Marker  
    Teacher: Eric Jayne

16. **Artist:** Liao Gege  
    **School:** Beihai Experimental School, Beihai, China  
    **Medium:** Chinese Brush Painting  
    Teacher: Qin Xiaolin

5th Grade

17. **Artist:** Hu Jin  
    **School:** Beihai International School of Affiliated High Schools to Minzu University, Beihai, China  
    **Medium:** Chinese Paper Cut  
    Teacher: Wang Ying
18. **Artist:** Sophie De Cristofaro  
   **School:** The School in Rose Valley, Rose Valley, PA  
   **Medium:** Marker  
   Teacher: Dawn Knipmeyer

19. **Artist:** Huang Rui Xi  
   **School:** Beihai International School of Affiliated High Schools to Minzu University, Beihai, China  
   **Medium:** Chinese Paper Cut  
   Teacher: Wang Ying

20. **Artist:** Briana Bradley  
   **School:** Thurgood Marshall Elementary, Newark, DE  
   **Medium:** Colored Pencil  
   Teacher: Mrs. Ventresca

21. **Artist:** Liu Yan  
   **School:** Beihai Experimental School, Beihai, China  
   **Medium:** Chinese Brush Painting  
   Teacher: Qin Xiaolin

22. **Artist:** Philip Coulter  
   **School:** The School in Rose Valley, Rose Valley, PA  
   **Medium:** Colored Pencil and Watercolor  
   Teacher: Dawn Knipmeyer

23. **Artist:** Davis Payton  
   **School:** The School in Rose Valley, Rose Valley, PA  
   **Medium:** Watercolor  
   Teacher: Dawn Knipmeyer

24. **Artist:** Felix Zarrow  
   **School:** The School in Rose Valley, Rose Valley, PA  
   **Medium:** Colored Pencil  
   Teacher: Dawn Knipmeyer

25. **Artist:** Hang Si Ling  
   **School:** Beihai International School of Affiliated High Schools to Minzu University, Beihai, China  
   **Medium:** Marker  
   Teacher: Wang Ying

26. **Artist:** Brice Busch  
   **School:** Madeira Beach Fundamental, Redington Shores, FL  
   **Medium:** Poem  
   Teacher: Stephen Ross
27. **Artist:** Eric Cisliek  
   **School:** Madeira Beach Fundamental, Redington Shores, FL  
   **Medium:** Story  
   Teacher: Stephen Ross

7th Grade

28. **Artist:** Ella Davis  
   **School:** Rodney Thompson Middle School, Stafford, VA  
   **Medium:** Wood-Burning and Watercolor  
   Teacher: Craig Vann

29. **Artist:** Daniel Lok Hang Koo  
   **School:** Tsung Tsin Christian Academy, Kowloon, Hong Kong  
   **Medium:** Colored Pencil  
   Teacher: Constantine Wing Heng Lau

30. **Artist:** Chen Yi Yu  
   **School:** Beihai International School of Affiliated High Schools to Minzu University, Beihai, China  
   **Medium:** Colored Pencil  
   Teacher: Wang Ying

8th Grade

31. **Artist:** Asia Blackwell  
   **School:** Sanford School, Hockessin, DE  
   **Medium:** Colored Pencil  
   Teacher: Jim Barnaby

32. **Artist:** Linda Wu  
   **School:** Sanford School, Hockessin, DE  
   **Medium:** Pencil  
   Teacher: Jim Barnaby

33. **Artist:** Julia Hatoum  
   **School:** Sanford School, Hockessin, DE  
   **Medium:** Colored Pencil  
   Teacher: Jim Barnaby

34. **Artist:** Emily Mowry  
   **School:** Coronado Middle School, Coronado, CA  
   **Medium:** Colored Pencil  
   Teacher: Jennifer Landry

35. **Artist:** Camille Decker  
   **School:** Sanford School, Hockessin, DE  
   **Medium:** Pencil  
   Teacher: Jim Barnaby
36. **Artist:** Halle Johnson  
   **School:** Coronado Middle School, Coronado, CA  
   **Medium:** Pencil  
   Teacher: Jennifer Landry

37. **Artist:** Adam Kerzner  
   **School:** Sanford School, Hockessin, DE  
   **Medium:** Poem  
   Teacher: Jim Barnaby

38. **Artist:** Anna Marita Sofis  
   **School:** Rodney Thompson Middle School, Stafford, VA  
   **Medium:** Ceramics  
   Teacher: Craig Vann

9th Grade

39. **Artist:** Zhu jia Li  
   **School:** Beihai International School of Affiliated High Schools to Minzu University, Beihai, China  
   **Medium:** Colored Pencil  
   Teacher: Wang Ying

11th Grade

40. **Artist:** Anneliese Olbrich  
   **School:** China Spring High School, China Spring, TX  
   **Medium:** Pen & Ink and Watercolor  
   Teacher: Independent submission