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Yucatan Peninsula, Mexico

December 14, 2018

Re: Young Voices, Horseshoe Crabs and the Arts 2018

Our 2018 contest year received 310 entries from Mauritius, France and the USA. Our judges selected 10 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 programs inception in 1998, the Young Voices that give this program life, has grown from a few hundred, too 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 animal.

Our renovated [Poem, Tales & Images](#) section of our website, 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 years selected artists on our website's Young Voices™ gallery, we will also feature one artist per week on our [Facebook](#) page beginning mid-January, 2018 and 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Glenn Gauvry'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Glenn Gauvry
President, ERDG Inc.

Selected Artists 2018

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1. **Artist:** Frederick Hartwell
School: Mark Newbie Elementary School, Collingswood, NJ
Medium: Watercolor and Crayon
Teacher: Patti O'Connor
2. **Artist:** Cameron Reeves
School: Towne Point Elementary School, Dover, DE
Medium: Pastel
Teacher: Gayle Moore

1st Grade

3. **Artist:** Jacob Orr
School: Mark Newbie Elementary School, Collingswood, NJ
Medium: Watercolor and Crayon
Teacher: Patti O'Connor

2nd Grade

4. **Artist:** Jackson Helmes
School: Mark Newbie Elementary School, Collingswood, NJ
Medium: Watercolor and Crayon
Teacher: Patti O'Connor

3rd Grade

5. **Artist:** Joshua King
School: Mark Newbie Elementary School, Collingswood, NJ
Medium: Watercolor and Crayon
Teacher: Patti O'Connor

5th Grade

6. **Artist:** Cate Lacy
School: Pointers Run Elementary School, Clarksville, MD
Medium: Watercolor and Marker
Teacher: Eric Jayne
7. **Artist:** Ah'mya Gordon
School: La Salle Academy, Philadelphia, PA
Medium: Watercolor and Marker
Teacher: Marlene Adler

7th Grade

- 8. Artist:** Angelina Govani
School: Rodney Thompson Middle School, Stafford, VA
Medium: Oil Painting
Teacher: Craig Vann

8th Grade

- 9. Artist:** Grace Ha
School: Rodney Thompson Middle School, Stafford, VA
Medium: Pastel
Teacher: Craig Vann
- 10. Artist:** Sophia Penton
School: Rodney Thompson Middle School, Stafford, VA
Medium: Watercolor and Marker
Teacher: Craig Vann