

39 Compete in College Battle of the Arts at Creative 360

What: Battle of the Arts 2010: Olympics College Edition – February 6

Where: Creative 360 (formerly Creative Spirit Center) at 1517 Bayliss in Midland.

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Midland – SVSU students swept the prizes as thirty-nine area college students, in teams and solo efforts, competed on February 6 in a Battle of the Arts at Creative 360 in Midland. CMU, Delta College and Northwood University students also competed in the battle. The artworks, created on the Olympics theme “Higher, Stronger, Faster,” were judged by award-winning Midland photographer S. Preston Jones. Sixty visitors to the Battle cast votes for a People’s Choice Award.

Most of the 35’ x 76’ gallery at Creative 360 was taped off into twenty-four 6’ x 6’ squares for the Battle. Each artist or group had to create their work within 3 hours inside their 24 square feet of space. Artists worked in acrylic painting, photography, sculpture, mixed media, assemblages, clay, and woodcarving. The sounds of creativity filled the space, as some of the artists worked with drills, potters’ wheels, computer-generated prints, photo printers, and movement.

Visitors came to cheer on their favorite artists, and stayed for an art sale after the Battle, in which the student pieces were purchased at auction. Students from all competing schools sold their creations to auction bidders. The auctioneer, Creative 360 Board member Laurie Kroupa, sprinkled the bidding with Olympics trivia questions, distributing \$5 for each correct answer. She noted that from 1912 to 1948, the arts were represented in the Olympics. During those years, Olympic medals were awarded for architecture, sculpture, literature, music and painting. In the Vancouver Olympics, the arts and creativity will be featured in an array of allied events and competitions, including the Cultural Olympiad.

Battle of the Arts 2010 Prizewinners:

First prize of \$250
Second prize of \$150

People’s Choice prize (tie)
\$50 each

Bonus prize of \$100

Team of Kait Harris, Sarah Hoover, Caleb Guthrie & Corey Gilbert
Team of Bethany Sharp, Stephanie Janczewski, Stacy Wilson,
and Amanda Waterman

Team of Sarah Card, Jillian Moody & Angela Lewis

Team of Maximino Najjar & Kara Schymanski

Amanda Abraham

(for gaining the highest price in the art auction)

Artist sponsors included Space Studios, Bay Eye Care, Below the Surface Tattoo, Saginaw Valley State University Art Department, Randal Crawford, Northwood University, and Laurie Kroupa.

Creative 360 will host future Battles of the Arts, highlighting the work of high school students, middle school students, and an open competition.

About Creative 360

Creative 360, formerly known as Creative Spirit Center, is a not-for-profit community arts and wellness organization founded in 1994. The Center's mission is to create an environment for people of all ages to experience the creative process through ongoing classes, art exhibits, events, concerts, speakers and outreach programs; and its goal is to enhance the development of physical, mental and spiritual wellness through the arts and humanities. Visit www.becreative360.org for more information about the offerings at Creative 360, or call (989) 837-1885 to request a mailed copy.

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