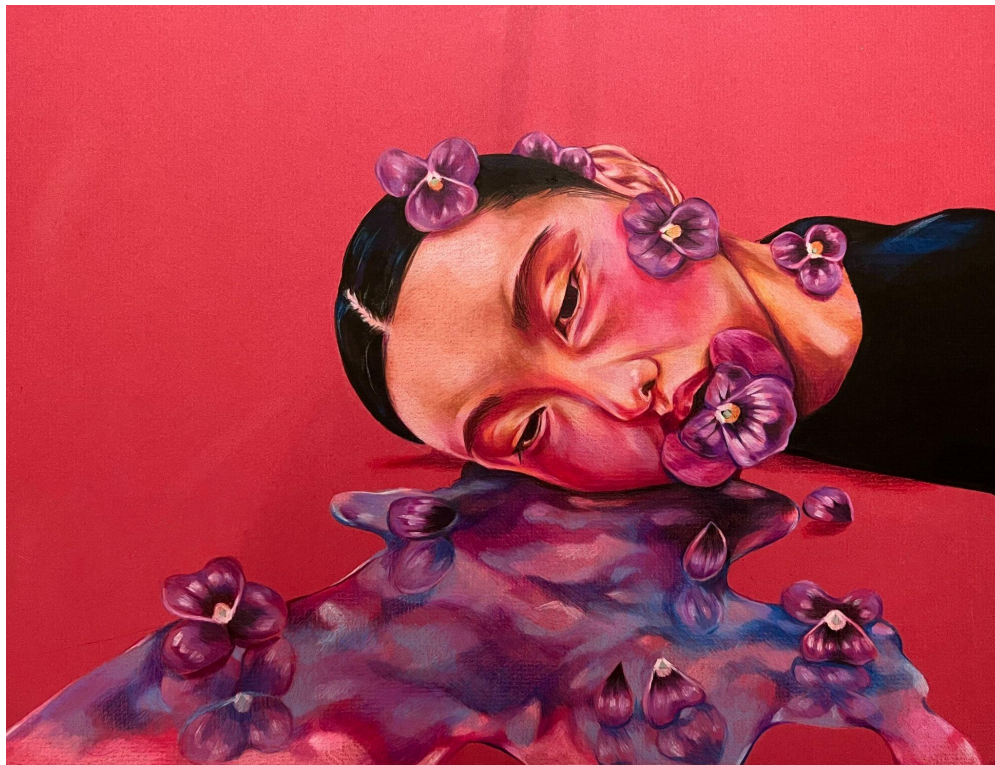


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## **High School Art Exhibition, *ArtNow 2023: Unarmed Truth*, Opening at New Museum Los Gatos**



**Los Gatos, CA --March 7, 2023 --** [\*\*ArtNow\*\*](#) is an annual juried art exhibition and educational program, featuring art from **83** emerging young artists from across Santa Clara County, presented by New Museum Los Gatos (NUMU). [\*\*ArtNow 2023: Unarmed Truth\*\*](#), our 12th annual *ArtNow* exhibition, will be on view at New Museum Los Gatos **Friday, March 31** through **Sunday, June 25**, and will include opportunities for select students to win up to **\$16,000** in scholarships and awards.

This year's *ArtNow* exhibition received 800 submissions from talented high school artists from 37 high schools across Santa Clara County, the most individual submissions ever received. *ArtNow 2023* will feature work from 83 students from 23 different high schools, in various mediums ranging from drawing to animation.



## ABOUT ARTNOW



*ArtNow* is an annual juried Santa Clara County high school art exhibition and educational program, presented by New Museum Los Gatos (NUMU). The *ArtNow* exhibition and supporting programs offer opportunities for high school student artists, from Palo Alto to Gilroy, to gain real-world experience in participating in a juried museum exhibition. \$16,000 in scholarships and awards are given to select participating students. Students have the opportunity to win awards in 8 artistic categories, as well as an overall Best in Show prize and a People's Choice award. The categories are painting, drawing, mixed media, printmaking, sculpture, photography, digital art & video/animation.

“As a teacher who has participated in the *ArtNow* exhibition since its inception, I can attest to years of students who have grown immensely from having made work for the exhibition... The confidence, perspective and encouragement that students derive from this experience is transformational... I have witnessed the momentum that this experience provides...it ripples through my classes year after year,” said Matthew Reynolds, Lynbrook High School teacher.



## ABOUT UNARMED TRUTH

Each year, a new theme is chosen for the exhibition and students are asked to submit works based on that theme. This year, we invite Santa Clara County high school students to create an original work of art that reveals a personal or universal truth, the *Unarmed Truth*. Students found inspiration from leaders and social movements that have helped us understand, embody, or uphold a hidden truth as a community and reflected on their own experiences.

This year's theme was co-created with the [ArtNow Teen Council](#), composed of 6 high school interns. This was an exciting step forward in elevating the program to be more widely accessible and relevant to teenagers living across Santa Clara County. Through this meaningful partnership with student artists, teens are not just the recipients of the *ArtNow* program but its architects.

To learn more visit [numulosgatos.org/artnow](http://numulosgatos.org/artnow).

## SUPPORT

Major support for the *ArtNow* exhibition and programs is provided by the Michael & Alyce Parsons Art Endowment, The National Endowment for the Arts, Badger Meter, Inc., and The Cilker School of Art & Design at West Valley College.



## UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

### [Individual Portfolio Reviews with West Valley College](#)

NUMU | Thursday, April 13 | 5-7 PM | Free with registration

### [Unarmed Truth Tour with the Los Gatos Library](#)

NUMU | Thursday, April 27 | 5-6 PM | Free with registration

### [Tour Unarmed Truth with the ArtNow Teen Council](#)

NUMU | Sunday, May 7 | 11-11:30 AM | Free with registration

### [Tour & Group Portfolio Reviews with West Valley College](#)

Cilker School of Art & Design | Thursday, May 18 | 3:30-5:30 PM | Free with registration

### [ArtNow 2023: Unarmed Truth Award Ceremony](#)

NUMU | Saturday, May 20 | 5-6 PM | Open to exhibiting students, teachers, and families only

### [ArtNow 2023: Celebrate Your Truth with Mosaic America](#)

NUMU | Saturday, May 20 | 6-9 PM | Free with registration

### [Tour Unarmed Truth with the ArtNow Teen Council](#)

NUMU | Sunday, June 4 | 11-11:30 AM | Free with registration



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For updated program information and registration details visit:

[www.numulosgatos.org/programs](http://www.numulosgatos.org/programs)

## IMAGE CREDITS

**Image 1** Liam Matthiasson, *Sprouting Pansies*, Colored pencil on matte board, Los Gatos High School, Grade 12, Instructor: Mark Yanowsky

**Image 2** Audrey Zhao, *Outgrown*, Linoleum block print on paper, Los Altos High School, Grade 11, Instructor: Christine An

**Image 3** Rachael Li, *Don't Puncture the Lemon*, Digital Photography, Stratford Preparatory Blackford, Grade 9, Instructor: Viviana Leija-Sysak

**Image 4** Ada Chu, *Anew*, Ceramics, chicken wire, and yarn, Valley Christian High School, Grade 11, Instructor: Karen Dequine

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## ABOUT NEW MUSEUM LOS GATOS

New Museum Los Gatos (NUMU), formerly The Museums of Los Gatos founded in 1965, is a public non-profit art and history museum. NUMU's mission is to engage the community at the intersection of art, history, and education through innovative, locally connected and globally relevant exhibitions, programs, and experiences.

NUMU is open for in-person visits.

### Open Hours

**FRI - SUN** 10 AM-4 PM

### Admission Fees

**General:** \$10

**Seniors, students, veterans** (with valid ID): \$6

**FREE:** Los Gatos residents, members, youth under 18 years of age, Muwekma Ohlone Tribal Members, families of up to 4 (with a current EBT card and valid ID), active-duty military personnel and their families. NUMU participates in both [Museums for All](#) and [Blue Star Museums](#).

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NUMU is located at 106 E. Main Street, Los Gatos, CA 95030 in the Los Gatos Civic Center Plaza. Visit: [www.numulosgatos.org/exhibitions](http://www.numulosgatos.org/exhibitions).