

## **2018 Lexington Sister Cities Young Artist Competition Winners Announced**



Rose Linn, 1st place winner of Young Artist Competition

**Lexington, KY** – Rose Linn, a student at Frederick Douglass High School, was selected as the 2018 winner of the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Lexington Sister Cities Young Artist Competition.

The Sister Cities Young Artist Competition is sponsored by Central Bank and the John G. Irvin Galleries, as well as the Lexington Sister Cities Commission. The contest was open to all Lexington students aged 13-18.

The theme of the competition was “The Art of Diplomacy”. Rose’s piece, “Diplomacy”, was done on sketch paper with colored pencil, pencil and sharpie. Her inspiration comes from her thoughts that “hand-shaking was an international symbol of diplomacy and peace and, by putting the flags of the world on it in an artful way, I was representing the art of diplomacy”.

Second place was awarded to Aurionne Beck of Frederick Douglass for her piece “One Love”. Third place went to Anya Hartman of Lafayette for her work titled “Synched Up”. Carmen Coleman from Bryan Station received honorable mention for her piece “Shine Your Eyes”. Steve Kelly from Central Bank awarded first place \$250; second place \$150; and third place \$100. Councilmember and Sister Cities Chairman Bill Farmer awarded honorable mention a \$50 prize.

The winning art teacher, Rebecca Banks of Frederick Douglass, received a \$250 prize from Lexington Sister Cities to use for classroom supplies.



Steve Kelly, winning art teacher Rebecca Banks, CM Farmer.



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Steve Kelly, 2nd place winner Aurionne Beck, CM Farmer.



Steve Kelly, 3rd place winner Anya Hartman, CM Bill Farmer



Steve Kelly, Noelle Gill, art teacher of honorable mention recipient Carmen Coleman, CM Farmer.

All entries will be on exhibit at the Central Bank Gallery through January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

The 1<sup>st</sup> place piece will be submitted to the worldwide Sister Cities International Competition at the annual conference in Aurora, CO from August 2-4, 2018.



To see all artwork from the exhibit, visit the [online gallery](#) on our blog.

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