

" *An Artistic Discovery* " is the name of the nation



The main objective of the competition is the encouragement of artistic creativity in young American artists, especially during the times when budget constraints may interfere with the availability of local arts-in-education programs.

Within the original guidelines established, artworks submitted can be paintings, drawings, collages, and prints (lithographs, silk screens, monotypes, woodcuts, and intaglio-methods), and are to be two-dimensional only. Each must be original in design and concept.

Competition on the local level is coordinated by Congressman Arcuri, whose 24th Congressional District includes all or part of Broome, Cayuga, Chenango, Cortland, Herkimer, Oneida, Ontario, Otsego, Seneca, Tompkins and Tioga counties. Local arts councils and civic organizations sponsor and coordinate the county competitions which are held from January to April. This show is comprised of an average of 50-60 works, as each county contributes six winning pieces from its show.

The county winners are brought to the Munson-Williams-Proctor Arts Institute and displayed in the School of Art Gallery. At the Munson-Williams-Proctor Arts Institute, School of Art Gallery the first, second and third place winners are chosen. The first-place winner is sent to Washington, D.C. where it will hang in the corridor leading to the U.S. Capitol with other winning entries from each Member of Congress' district. The second-place winner will hang in Congressman Arcuri's Washington, D.C. Office and the third-place winner will hang in his Utica, NY Office. Each of the winning works will be displayed for one year. Photos from previous competitions can be seen by **clicking here**.

Prizes may vary from year to year and are traditionally provided by the local community arts councils. All county winners receive a medal and scholarship to Pratt and Munson-Williams-Proctor. The Congressman donates savings bonds which are presented the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners.

Artwork must be delivered with an attached [Student Release Form](#) to Congressman Arcuri's Utica, NY Office:

Office of Congressman Michael Arcuri
10 Broad Street, Room 330
Utica, New York 13501

For more information, please see the [following guidelines](#) or contact Congressman Arcuri's Utica Office at 315-793-8146.