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THE ANDY WARHOL MUSEUM ANNOUNCES SCHOLASTIC ART & WRITING AWARDS EXHIBITION OPENING IN FEBURARY 2014.

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Art. Write. Now. Tour 2013 –14**February 5, 2014 – March 2, 2014**

The Andy Warhol Museum announces the arrival of *Art. Write. Now. Tour 2013-14*, a nationwide traveling exhibition showcasing original work created by teen winners of the 2013 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards. The exhibition includes more than 130 pieces of art and literary works from students around the country. These emerging artists' and writers' works were judged by panels of professionals in the visual and literary arts community.

The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards has a legacy dating back to 1923, when Pittsburgh-native and Scholastic Inc. founder, M.R. Robinson, announced its creation in his original publication, *The Western Pennsylvania Scholastic*. Over the years, the Awards have grown to become the longest-running, most prestigious recognition program for creative teens in the U.S., and the nation's largest source of scholarships for creative young artists and writers. A noteworthy roster of past winners includes Andy Warhol himself, along with Sylvia Plath, Truman Capote, Richard Avedon, Lena Dunham, Robert Redford, Joyce Carol Oates, Stephen King, Zac Posen, and many more.

Warhol received a Scholastic Art Award in 1945 for a painting he created at 17 years old, while attending Schenley High School in Pittsburgh.

Tresa Varner, curator of education and interpretation at The Warhol states, "We are excited about having this exhibition in Pittsburgh. Pittsburgh has the most creative teens and every year The Warhol staff members are amazed at the quality of work they generate. We hope they come to The Warhol and see the range of artwork

image: Sam Huber, *U.S.A. Made*, 2012image: Patrick Hulse, *Valentine Portrait*, 2012**The Andy Warhol Museum**117 Sandusky Street
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produced by the best teen artists in the country. I believe we will be seeing more Scholastic Award winners from Pittsburgh in the years to come.”

Each year, the nonprofit Alliance for Young Artists & Writers partners with more than 100 visual and literary-arts organizations across the country to bring the awards to local communities. Teens in grades 7 through 12 interested in submitting their work to the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards can do so by visiting www.artandwriting.org while the annual call for submissions is still open. Deadlines vary by region and students can apply in 28 categories of art and writing for the chance to earn scholarships and have their works exhibited or published. Submissions are juried by luminaries in the visual and literary arts, some of whom are past award recipients. Panelists look for works that best exemplify originality, technical skill and the emergence of a personal voice or vision.

After the exhibition’s stop in Pittsburgh, the tour will continue to travel to Laramie, WY. Previous venues of the 2013-14 tour include the Savannah College of Art and Design in Savannah, GA and the National Hispanic Cultural Center in Albuquerque, NM. Scholastic hosted its first National High School Art Exhibition in May 11 – June 1, 1928 at the Fine Arts Galleries of the Carnegie Institute, Pittsburgh. The exhibition took place in four of the Carnegie Institute’s galleries and continued there annually over the next 30 years.

Art. Write. Now. Tour 2013-14 is funded by the generous support of Scholastic Inc., The National Endowment for the Arts and Blick Art Materials & Utrecht Art Supplies.



Related Public Programming:

***Art. Write. Now. Tour* Opening Reception**

Friday, February 7, 2014

6 – 8 p.m.

Please join The Warhol and the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers for a reception to celebrate the arrival of *Art. Write. Now. Tour* exhibition, a nationwide traveling exhibition showcasing original work created by teen award winners of the 2013 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards. The exhibition includes 130 art and literary works from students around the country. These emerging artists' and writers' works were judged by a panel of professionals in the visual and literary arts community. Complimentary beer, wine, and light bites.

Tickets FREE and open to the public; visit www.warhol.org or call 412-237-8300

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About The Andy Warhol Museum

Located in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, the place of Andy Warhol's birth, The Warhol is one of the most comprehensive single-artist museums in the world. The Andy Warhol Museum is one of the four Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh. Additional information about The Warhol is available at www.warhol.org.

About The Alliance for Young Artists & Writers

The Alliance for Young Artists & Writers, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, identifies teenagers with exceptional creative talent and brings their remarkable work to a national audience through the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards. Founded in 1923, the Awards program is the longest-running, most prestigious initiative of its kind, having fostered the creativity and talent of millions of students through recognition, exhibitions and publications. Over the past six years alone, students have submitted more than a million works of art and writing and more than \$30 million has been made available in scholarships and awards to top winning participants.

www.artandwriting.org.

About Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh

Founded by Andrew Carnegie in 1895, Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh is a collection of four distinctive museums dedicated to exploration through art and science: Carnegie Museum of Art, Carnegie Museum of Natural History, Carnegie Science Center, and The Andy Warhol Museum. The museums reach more than 1.3 million people annually through exhibitions, educational programs, outreach activities, and special events.

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Phone: 412-237-8300

Hours: Tues, Wed, Thurs, Sat, and Sun 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Fri, 10 a.m. – 10 p.m.

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Admission: Members – Free

Adults - \$20; Children/Students - \$10

Good Fridays 5-10 p.m., half-price Museum admission

The Warhol Store/The Warhol Café – Free