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Heritage Oak Students Named Winners of International Art Competition

May 31, 2007, Yorba Linda, CA—Four students from Heritage Oak Middle School were named winners of Pentel's 37th International Children's Art Exhibition contest (ICAE). The students, Abigail Dergazarian (7th grade), Alexis Lackerman (7th grade), Evan Lee (6th grade) and Lauren Spraker (7th grade), created works featuring American Jazz Musicians using oil pastels on black paper. Over 60,000 entries from children, representing 47 countries and territories around the world were judged by a panel in Tokyo, Japan. Entries from the US alone totaled 2,000. Only 113 paintings total were selected as winners from all of the received entries.

All Heritage Oak Middle School students, under the guidance of art teacher Megan Kennedy, participated in the competition which is open to students from three years to fifteen years of age.

Heritage Oak is a traditional school appealing to parents who are seeking a proven curriculum and a safe, nurturing environment. Community awareness, academic achievement, and family values are part of its program that focuses on the development of the whole child.

The U.S. Department of Education bestowed its highest honor upon Heritage Oak when it awarded the school the 1998-1999 "Blue Ribbon" award. The "Blue Ribbon", our Nations most prestigious education award, distinguishes Heritage Oak for its excellence in leadership, teaching, curriculum, student achievement, parent involvement, and community support.