

## Events and Announcements



### **MN Scholastic Art Awards Exhibition** **MCAD Gallery: Concourse Gallery, Jan.18- Feb.17**

This exhibition features the best artwork by Minnesota middle school, junior high and senior high students. The live action/claymation film "Blink" created by SW students Keegan Curry, Nathan Lee, and Sif Nave won the Minnesota Educator's Award, The American Visions Nomination, and a Gold Key. It will go on to compete nationally. Ann Lee won a Silver Key for her drawing, "Untitled" shown on the left. Congratulations!

### **Walker Art Center Show Feb. 4th**

Collaboration between Southwest IB artists and dancers culminated in an evening performance at The Walker Art Center on Monday, February 4th. Visual artists and dancers worked together for one month to craft compelling performances and videos inspired by two Walker exhibitions, "Frida Kahlo" and "Brave New Worlds".



Walker Art Center Show

### **Viva City**

Twelve students from Southwest will participate in Viva City at the Minneapolis Central Library in April. They will participate in a workshop and a juried art show.

## Classifieds

Thanks to our supporters, who graciously donated to the program in Nov & Dec. We received \$474, matched by an "anonymous friend", for a total of \$950! Cash donations are always welcome. If you are so moved, please send a check to Sharon Larson (Account Clerk) or Cecily Spano. Checks should be made payable to Minneapolis Southwest High School, with "Visual Arts" in the memo line. All amounts are greatly appreciated, with funds used to buy materials or help with field trips.

We received many good plastic containers in the last supply drive, but always need more. Remember - those plastic deli and carry-out dishes can have a second life when washed & reused as paint trays! Make "recycling" these containers your new 2008 sustainability thrust. Thanks for your support of Visual Arts!

The creative students in Visual Arts always need materials. Parents and friends of the department are welcome to donate these items:

a sewing machine*	yarn*	old blenders*	old, interesting fabric*
pencils** & erasers	Sharpie ® markers**	masking tape	adhesives of all sorts
scissors	latex primer	paint brushes	paint rollers
glue sticks	old video cameras		

\* items especially needed, as Crafts class started second semester

\*\* items in very short supply



### Featured Student Artist Amelia Ahl

"I like to think my art is captivating at first sight and also with closer examination. I want my pieces to demand immediate and prolonged attention, and intrigue the viewer, making them ask questions. Many of my pieces are personal, but have themes and ideas that I hope everyone can relate to. I use lots of bright colors in contrast with black, and I love working with silhouettes. My art is fun, but has serious aspects to it.

In these two pieces, I worked with contrast to create interesting lines and stand out. My main medium is acrylic paint, but I like to explore photography, paper, and other objects."

## Resources and Links

Walker Art Center, <http://calendar.walkerart.org/index.wac>

Minneapolis Institute of Arts, <http://artsmia.org/>

The Soap Factory, <http://soapfactory.org/>

The Museum of Russian Art, <http://www.tmora.org/current.html>

The Weisman Museum, <http://www.weisman.umn.edu/>

Minnesota Center for Photography, <http://www.mncp.org/>

College of Visual Arts, exhibitions, <http://www.cva.edu/gallery/gallery.htm>

