

News Release

100 artworks created by local students filling the Art Gallery of St. Albert Walls *High Energy 28* to open in historic Banque d'Hochelaga building on Perron Street

May 3, 2023, St. Albert, Alberta - The Art Gallery of St. Albert is pleased to once again present a very popular exhibition that showcases the incredible artistic talent of student from St. Albert high schools. *High Energy 28* opens in the Gallery's main exhibition space on **May 4**.

The exhibition includes about 100 artworks created by local students. Hailing from grades 10, 11 and 12, these teens hone their skills in the art programs at **Bellerose Composite High School, École Alexandre-Taché, École Secondaire Paul Kane High School, St. Albert Catholic High School** and **Outreach High School**.

For many students, the art room is somewhere they retreat to. It is a safe space to explore and express. With guidance, empathy and experience, art teachers give students the tools they need to be able to bring their visions to life.

"*High Energy 28* is a celebration of the skill and expression of our local youth," says Art Gallery of St. Albert Curator, Emily Baker. "The teens share their passion with our community, challenging our expectations and giving inspiration in the same breath. Through their artwork, students give shape to their dreams, obsessions and quirks while drawing attention to the challenges that sit at the forefront of their lives."

Each year, the Gallery sets the students an extra Challenge Project as part of the *High Energy* exhibition. For 2023, they are being asked to transform the mundane into the extraordinary. **Students from each school will create site specific installation artworks using plexiglass barriers and partitions that were used at their schools during the pandemic.** On the plexiglass, students will create abstract drawings - exploring line and shape, colour and form, beauty and light.

Visit www.artgalleryofstalbert.ca to register for a public tour, virtual tour or to book a personal tour:

- Reception: May 4, from 6 – 8 pm
- In-person tour with curator: May 17 at noon
- Virtual tour with curator: May 25 at noon on Facebook Live

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