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RAHALL TO OPEN CONGRESSIONAL ART EXHIBIT

WASHINGTON, DC - U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall (D-W.Va.) will take part in opening ceremonies for the annual high school art exhibition on Thursday, June 25 at 12:30 p.m. in the Cannon Caucus Room in the Cannon House Office Building in Washington.

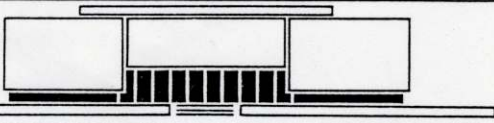
Joining Rahall in the opening ceremony will be Speaker Jim Wright (D-Texas) and winning high school students from across the country. Also participating will be Willard Scott of NBC's "Today", film stars Ally Sheedy and Judd Nelson, and Roger B. Smith, General Motors Chairman and corporate sponsor of the event.

Highlighted in the collection of paintings, drawings, and prints will be Reflections by Sandra Weeks, the winning entry from Rahall's Congressional District. Ms. Weeks is a student at Woodrow Wilson High School in Beckley, W.Va.

The exhibit will be displayed in a corridor leading to the U.S. Capitol through May 1988. It is expected that thousands of visitors to the Capitol will view the exhibition.

This year's exhibition - the largest ever - is part of An American Discovery, the sixth annual Congressional Art Competition sponsored by the Congressional Arts Caucus and conducted by House Members in their home districts. Each participating Member coordinated a local competition to select one piece of art to represent his district in the national exhibition.

DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE AND HISTORY



STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
ARCH A. MOORE, JR., GOVERNOR

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April 10, 1987

The Honorable Nick Joe Rahall II
U. S. House of Representatives
440 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20515

JB-F71; this year's
arts comp winner.
Exhibition will open
officially June 25 at
ceremony here + luncheon.
Picture will be displayed
until May '88

Dear Congressman Rahall:

I have enclosed the confirmation notice signed by the student whose artwork was selected to represent your District in the Congressional Arts Caucus exhibit. It is signed by both the student and his parent.

We will mail the artwork to you after the exhibit ends on April 26. The student's name and address is Sandra Weeks, 1424 Maxwell Hill Road, Beckley, West Virginia 25801.

If there are any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

Sharon Mullins

Sharon Mullins
Director of Exhibitions

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Enclosure

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Bob. Please check w/ Marge + see if Sandra will be attending festivities in D.C. Then draft P.R. (sample enclosed) + let me see. ~~Patricia~~ Thanks.
Jerry

CONFIRMATION

I hereby give my permission for my artwork to be entered in this year's exhibit sponsored by the Congressional Arts Caucus in Washington, D. C. I understand that The Cultural Center staff will mail my artwork to Congressman Rahall's office who will frame it and place it on exhibit this summer. The Congressional office will return the art to me at the close of the exhibit next May.

Signed: Sandra Weeks
student

Signed: Mrs. Albert H. Weeks
parent

Date: 4/4/87

Title: Reflections

Art Category: Painting (tempera)

Artist's Name: Sandra Weeks

Address: 1424 Maxwell Hill Rd.
Beckley WV 25801

Age: 17

School: Woodrow Wilson HS.

Telephone Number: 253-1062

Please return to Erin Dunivan Grss at the Department of Culture and History by April 8, 1987.

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Congress of the United States
Congressional Arts Caucus
Washington, D.C. 20515

June 10, 1987

MEMO

TO: Press Secretary
FROM: Rhoda Glickman
RE: Opening of the Congressional Art Exhibition

The official opening of **AN ARTISTIC DISCOVERY** -- the national exhibition of winning artwork from Congressional Art Competitions -- will be held on Thursday, June 25, 1987 at 12:30 p.m. in the Cannon Caucus Room. We hope you will encourage your Member to attend as we expect the event to be covered by a large number of press.

We hope you will also urge your Member to stop by for a **special photo opportunity** with **Willard Scott** of NBC's "TODAY" and film stars **Ally Sheedy** and **Judd Nelson** -- who will be participating in the ribbon-cutting ceremony along with **General Motors Chairman Roger Smith**. The opportunity will be held between 11:45 AM - 12:30 PM in the Cannon tunnel near the Cannon basement rotunda.

As you know, this is an excellent chance for coverage in your hometown newspapers since GM has offered to send Members' photos and press information directly to your respective District papers. If you have not sent us a list of your major newspaper contacts in the District, please send it by Wednesday, June 17 to: Arts Caucus, House Annex 2, Room 338, Att: Press.

We have already heard from several students who are planning to attend the June 25th opening. If your Member is arranging for your winning student to attend, please let us know.

Enclosed is a sample media release which you can modify and send to your press list. We are also including a list of the 239 Members -- the largest number ever -- who participated in this year's Competition.

Gary Ackerman
Daniel Akaka
Beryl Anthony
Jim Bates
Max Baucus
Anthony Beilenson
Howard Berman
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Richard Lehman
William Lehman
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Carl Levin
Mel Levine
Dave McCurdy
Raymond McGrath
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George Miller
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Nick Rahall
Charles Rangel
Bill Richardson
Peter Rodino, Jr.
Robert Roe
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James Scheuer
Charles Schumer
Gerry Sikorski
Louise Slaughter
Larry Smith
Charles Stenholm
Ted Stevens
Ed Towns
Bruce Vento
Henry Waxman
Ted Weiss
Pat Williams
Jim Wright

SAMPLE PRESS RELEASE

CONGRESSIONAL ARTS CAUCUS
AN ARTISTIC DISCOVERY

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AN ARTISTIC DISCOVERY
Members Participating in the 1987 Congressional Art Competition

ALABAMA Tom Bevill Sonny Callahan William Dickinson Ben Erdreich Claude Harris	GUAM Ben Blaz	MISSOURI Bill Emerson Dick Gephardt Alan Wheat	OKLAHOMA Mickey Edwards James Inhofe Dave McCurdy Mike Synar
ALASKA Don Young	HAWAII Daniel Akaka	MONTANA Pat Williams	PENNSYLVANIA George Gekas Bill Goodling Bill Gray Joe Kolter Peter Kostmayer Joseph McDade Thomas Ridge Don Ritter Richard Schulze Robert Walker Curt Weldon
AMERICAN SAMOA Fofo Sunia	IDAHO Richard Stallings	NEBRASKA Virginia Smith	PUERTO RICO Jaime Fuster
ARIZONA Jim Kolbe John Rhodes III Bob Stump Morris Udall	ILLINOIS Terry Bruce Philip Crane Richard Durbin Lane Evans Harris Fawell Dennis Hastert Bob Michel John Porter Mel Price Gus Savage	NEVADA Jim Bilbray	RHODE ISLAND Fernand St. Germain Claudine Schneider
ARKANSAS Bill Alexander Beryl Anthony	INDIANA Dan Burton Lee Hamilton Frank McCloskey Phil Sharp Peter Visclosky	NEW HAMPSHIRE Judd Gregg Robert Smith	SOUTH CAROLINA Butler Derrick Elizabeth Patterson John Spratt Robin Tallon
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GEORGIA Buddy Darden Charles Hatcher Ed Jenkins John Lewis Richard Ray J. Roy Rowland Pat Swindall Lindsay Thomas	MICHIGAN David Bonior Bob Carr John Conyers George Crockett John Dingell Paul Henry Dennis Hertel Sander Levin Bill Schuette Bob Traxler Fred Upton Howard Wolpe	WEST VIRGINIA Alan Mollahan Nick Joe Rahall Harley Staggers Robert Wise	WISCONSIN Steve Gunderson Toby Roth

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