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Student Online Art Show Offers Attendees a Safe and Virtual Gallery Experience

Henry Ford Academy: Alameda School for Art + Design presents a fun at-home, interactive event

SAN ANTONIO, MAY 21st: While educators, students and families adapt to find “normalcy” amidst the COVID-19 quarantine, Henry Ford Academy: Alameda School for Art + Design demonstrates a hope that still burns bright during these uncertain times. Keeping creativity and innovation alive, the college preparatory high school is hosting an online art show, “Uncommon Art, Uncommon Times,” on May 28th.

When an off-campus learning plan is not in effect, HFA’s approximately 120 students attend school on UTSA’s Downtown Campus, where they have the unique opportunity to gain an understanding of what is needed to be successful in college. Whether they are on campus or engaged in their off-campus Alternate Learning Plan, HFA is dedicated to an *Empowering Education* that focuses on students’ wellbeing first, embraces art + design as key elements of a community-connected education, and offers engaging learning approaches that support academic and personal success. While the 2020 pandemic has not been the easiest for these young artists, they have been preparing for this virtual exhibit for weeks, and their voices and perspectives on their current experience are reflected in their art.

Featuring multiple mediums like ceramics, painting, digital graphic design, video, sketch and more, attendees can expect to be both community-proud and intrigued when perusing the walls of art in the online gallery. Access and admission to the “Uncommon Art, Uncommon Times” online art show can be found during its launch via [HFA's Facebook Live event](#), happening at 6 p.m. CST on Thursday, May 28th. HFA’s Art Director, *John Medina*, will kick off the show with a brief introduction and then reveal the URL link to the online art show. Medina is an award-winning artist and has been recognized for collaborating with *San Anto Cultural Arts* to create the world’s first stereoscopic 3-D mural entitled, *Vision del Futuro*. “It’s been an interesting journey this year, but I’m proud that we have this opportunity to highlight our students’ talents and how far they’ve come – despite the circumstances. Not only are they resilient, but I’m certain they will impress all who attend the showcase.”

The San Antonio charter school encourages everyone - families, friends and art lovers near and far – to support HFA’s student artists by sharing news of the event, joining the Facebook Live kick-off and enjoy this interactive experience from the comfort and safety of their home on May 28th.

At the same time, enrollment for the upcoming 2020-2021 academic year is *also* open, and applications are now available on HFA’s website. Openings are limited, so candidates are recommended to apply now. More information about Henry Ford Academy: Alameda School for

Art + Design and their upcoming events, along with enrollment opportunities, can be found on their [website](#) and social media.

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ABOUT HENRY FORD ACADEMY: ALAMEDA SCHOOL FOR ART + DESIGN

Henry Ford Academy: Alameda School for Art + Design engages students (grades 9-12) in an empowering education. HFA is the city's only tuition-free high school that focuses on art and design as essential components of a world class education. The school excels at developing not only students' academic knowledge and skills, but also their potential as critical thinkers and innovative problem solvers — all in a vibrant, accepting atmosphere where students and teachers work together. As a result, HFA was one of only 18 early learning centers, K–12 schools, districts and beyond school programs in the U.S. to be recognized by Battelle for Kids as a 21st Century Learning Exemplar for 2019. Developed and managed by Henry Ford Learning Institute (hfli.org - a nonprofit organization that is redesigning how we learn and lead), HFA's educational approach emphasizes working in partnership with San Antonio arts and community organizations to provide students with real world learning experiences. Learn more at www.thealamedaschool.org.