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**REGIONAL SCHOLASTIC ART AWARDS CEREMONY
THIS SUNDAY AT THE DIANA WORTHAM THEATRE**

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(ASHEVILLE)- The 2016 WNC Regional Scholastic Art Awards Ceremony will be held at the *Diana Wortham Theatre* this Sunday, beginning at 2 p.m. Of the nearly 600 total entries, the judges selected 133 awards from 20 area counties from around Western North Carolina. Of the winners, 53 exceptionally talented BCS students were chosen. Gold key winners will compete at the national level. For more information on these awards and samples of some of the BCS winning student artwork from Reynolds High School is available [HERE](#).

“Scholastic Art Awards highlights the most innovative and talented students in the country,” said Robert Waller, the Cultural Arts Specialist for BCS. “These student artists think outside the conventional wisdom, take creative risks, and are going to succeed in our global world because they are creative thinkers. Art Education in Buncombe County Schools is a high quality program that is encouraging, teaching, and inspiring young minds.”

The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards are the country's longest-running and most prestigious award and recognition program for creative students in grades 7–12. Since its founding, the Awards have established an amazing track record for identifying the early promise of our nation’s most accomplished and prolific creative leaders. Alumni include artists such as Andy Warhol, Philip Pearlstein, Robert Indiana, and actor Robert Redford. Sponsored by the Asheville Art Museum, Western Region judges carefully reviewed each entry then selected Gold Key, Silver Key and Honorable Mention award recipients from across Western North Carolina.

The student art is being exhibited at the Asheville Art Museum from through March 6.

The media is encouraged to attend the ceremony this Sunday.

EVENT	WHERE	WHEN
<i>Regional Scholastic Art Awards Ceremony</i>	Diana Wortham Theatre 2 South Pack Square Asheville, NC 28801	Sunday, February 21 2 p.m. – 5 p.m.

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