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GRAND JUNCTION COMMISSION ON ARTS AND CULTURE HOSTS 10TH ANNUAL CREATIVE ART CONTEST FOR YOUNG ARTISTS

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. February 16, 2022 – The Grand Junction Commission on Arts and Culture is seeking submissions for the 10th annual Art Beat contest designed to support young artists in the Grand Junction area.

This year's theme is "Fresh Eyes" and youth are encouraged to create an essay, lyrics, video, song, photography, short stories, original poems, drawings or other art forms to describe or portray an event that provided a new perspective or created a change of mind. A written component must be included with all submissions describing how the work relates to the theme. Submissions can be emailed to the Marlene Godsey, Arts and Culture and Adult Programs coordinator at marleneg@gjcity.org. The deadline for submissions is March 1, 2023 at 5 p.m.

Since 2012, the Grand Junction Commission on Arts and Culture has reviewed hundreds of written works of art from Grand Junction area youth with topics ranging from creativity, music, and public art. The contest provides an opportunity for youth to share creatively within the community. The contest is divided into three grade categories: 3-5th grade; 6-8th grade; and 9-12th grade

Prizes will be awarded to winners in each category and the first place winners will be invited to share art pieces online and experience an on-air interview with KAFM Grand Junction community radio.

"Thanks in part to the work of the Commission on Arts and Culture, Grand Junction has an amazing arts scene," said Parks and Recreation director Ken Sherbenou. "We encourage the young artists of our community to get involved and showcase their skills in this great program."

The Grand Junction Commission on Arts and Culture is dedicated to developing the quantity, quality, and affordability of arts and culture for the Grand Junction area. Since 1990, the Commission on Arts and Culture has worked to support the community's artistic resources and cultural activities. For questions regarding the Art Beat contest or any other city programming, call Grand Junction Parks and Recreation 970-254-3866 or email gjparksandrec@gjcity.org

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