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CSMA Students & Faculty Exhibit Artwork at Mountain View City Hall, February 1-28

MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA – The Community School of Music and Arts (CSMA) presents *Art Shapes the World* – a collaborative exhibition created by the faculty and students of CSMA’s *Art4Schools* program in local elementary and middle schools. The exhibit is free and open to the public from February 1-28 at the City Hall Rotunda, located at 500 Castro Street in Mountain View. City Hall is open Monday–Friday from 8am-5pm. There will be an opening reception with students and faculty on Friday, February 2 from 3-6pm. The Huff School Honor Choir, led by CSMA music teacher Christina Christiansen, will perform at 4pm. The show is generously sponsored by the City of Mountain View, which lends its beautiful rotunda space to this exhibition annually.

On display will be approximately 360 pieces of art by students (grades K-8) and their art teachers from over 30 local schools, including every elementary school in the Mountain View Whisman School District (Bubb, Castro, Huff, Landels, Mistral, Monta Loma, Stevenson, Theuerkauf). Additional schools are Lyndale School (Alum Rock School District); Stocklmeir School, Montclair School, Stevens Creek School and Murdock-Portal School (Cupertino Union School District); Westlake School and Woodrow Wilson School (Jefferson Elementary School District); Santa Rita School and Springer School (Los Altos School District); St. Nicholas School (Los Altos Hills); The Academy, Anderson School, Baldwin School, Christopher School, Del Roble School, Edenvale School, Ledesma School, Miner School and Stipe School (Oak Grove School District); Imagination School (Palo Alto); John Gill School, North Star Academy, Roosevelt School and Roy Cloud School (Redwood City School District); Baywood School and Fiesta Gardens School (San Mateo-Foster City School District); Bracher School (Santa Clara Unified School District); and Sierra School and Resurrection School (Sunnyvale). Students receive weekly art instruction through CSMA’s in-school art education program, *Art4Schools*.

Both students and their art teachers created pieces inspired by the theme of *Art Shapes the World*. Teachers developed classroom lessons to support this concept and encouraged students to experiment with different forms of media. The variety of artwork shows the teachers’ and students’ unique interpretations of the exhibition’s theme.

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"The theme of *Art Shapes the World* encouraged students to observe the world around them," said Linda Covello, CSMA's Art School Director. "Each *Art4Schools* teacher worked with their students to discuss shapes and explore where they can be seen in the world around us, from the shapes found in nature to the architectural shapes that form our neighborhoods, to the shapes of the food we eat. The students created a wide variety of artwork using ceramics, printmaking, painting, drawing and collage. Viewers of the art in this show will walk away seeing new shapes everywhere!"

CSMA's in-school visual art and music programs (*Art4Schools* and *Music4Schools*) serve over 18,000 students at 50+ schools in Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties. Taught by professionally-trained CSMA art and music faculty as part of the school day, these programs provide quality arts and music education to grades K-8 students through in-depth, sequential curricula that meet California State Educational Standards. The award-winning in-school *Art4Schools* curriculum develops hands-on technical skills as well as an appreciation and cultural understanding of art and its history. Art lessons coordinate with students' classroom activities to become an integral, enriching part of each child's education.

To learn more about CSMA's art and music education opportunities, visit www.arts4all.org.

EVENT CALENDAR INFORMATION:

- WHAT:** *Art Shapes the World*
CSMA Student and Faculty Art Show
- WHERE:** City Hall Rotunda, 500 Castro Street, Mountain View
- WHEN:** February 1 through February 28, 2018
Opening reception on Friday, February 2 from 3-6pm.
- COST:** Free
- INFO:** www.arts4all.org; 650-917-6800, ext 306

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Founded in 1968, the Community School of Music and Arts is Northern California's largest non-profit provider of arts education programs. With a \$6 million budget and 160-member staff and faculty, CSMA is one of the ten largest community schools in the United States. Located in the heart of Silicon Valley, one of the global capitals of creativity, CSMA is dedicated to making the arts and arts education accessible to all, regardless of age, experience, background or financial means. Headquartered in the award-winning Finn Center in the City of Mountain View, CSMA directly serves over 26,000 people of all ages, skill levels and economic means each year, including over 18,000 students at 50+ schools in San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties.

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