



## community school of music and arts

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## Community School of Music and Arts Presents *Picture This*, a Student Exhibition

MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA – The Community School of Music and Arts (CSMA) in Mountain View presents *Picture This*, a multidisciplinary art exhibition by CSMA students from the *Art4Schools* program in local schools and art classes at CSMA's Finn Center in Mountain View. The exhibition will be on display in CSMA's Mohr Gallery from December 9, 2017 through January 18, 2018. There will be an opening reception with the artists on Saturday, December 9 from 3-5pm.

*Picture This* showcases the work of a variety of CSMA students, ages five to adult. The exhibition celebrates the ability to bring ideas to life and express creativity with art made from various mediums. On display in the main gallery will be work from CSMA's *Art4Schools* program, highlighting different lessons with portraits, still lifes, animal drawings, line drawings and more. In the Sobrato Hallway will be work from classes at Finn Center, featuring oil paintings, watercolor landscapes, figure drawings, portraits and more.

"We are delighted to showcase the work of the talented students from our art programs here at Finn Center and in local schools," said Vickie Scott Grove, Executive Director of CSMA. "CSMA is committed to making sure that all students in our community have access to the arts and arts education. Join us in Mohr Gallery to celebrate and support our student artists!"

CSMA directly serves over 24,000 people through on-site and off-site programs each year. CSMA's on-site Visual Arts program is open to students of all ages and skill levels. Classes for children, teens and adults include drawing, painting, sculpting, ceramics, digital arts and more. CSMA's on-site Spring semester classes begin January 8, 2018. Class registration opens in late November. In keeping with CSMA's mission of *Arts4All*, financial aid is available for all classes and programs.

The *Art4Schools* program provides quality art education to students in grades TK-8 in over 50 schools in Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties. Students receive weekly art lessons taught by professional artists as part of their regular school day. *Art4Schools* emphasizes four major areas: creative expression, appreciation of the cultural and historical foundation of art, understanding of the language of art, and development of technical skills. Art lessons and projects focus on drawing and painting with an

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introduction to ceramics, sculpture and basic three-dimensional concepts. Students develop basic technical skills, as well as learn concepts such as line, shape, value, form and color.

For more information about this exhibition, visit [www.arts4all.org](http://www.arts4all.org). For artist interviews and additional images, contact Sharon Kenney, Director of Marketing & Communications, at 650-917-6800, ext. 305 or [skenney@arts4all.org](mailto:skenney@arts4all.org).

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### **EVENT CALENDAR INFORMATION:**

- WHAT:** *Picture This*, CSMA Student Exhibition
- WHERE:** Mohr Gallery, Community School of Music and Arts (CSMA)  
Finn Center, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View, CA
- WHEN:** December 9, 2017 through January 18, 2018  
*Opening Reception: Saturday, December 9, 3-5pm*
- COST:** Free and open to the public.
- INFO:** [www.arts4all.org](http://www.arts4all.org); 650-917-6800, ext. 305

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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 24,000 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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