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XC _____ 2026 CREATIVE ART _____ Call for Support CONTEST

Empowering young minds through art, science, and imagination.

Your support can shape a child's future, and the future of creativity.

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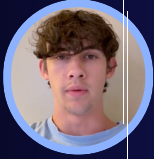
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2025 XC CREATIVE ART CONTEST



Barclay Arnold

2025 XC Creative Art Contest
Third Place Winner

Before participating in the XC Creative Art Contest, Barclay Arnold was already passionate about art, but like many young artists, he was still searching for his unique voice.

Through the competition, he began to push beyond traditional boundaries. In *Inverted Teeth // X-Ray Self-Portrait*, Barclay experimented with stippling techniques to recreate the texture of film photography, drawing inspiration from artist Man Ray. In another work, *Triple Exposure*, he challenged himself further by creating his first large-scale oil painting based on photographic reference. The process was demanding, but deeply rewarding.

More importantly, the experience reshaped his approach to art. By exploring different media and disciplines, he gained new ways of thinking and creating, along with a stronger sense of his creative identity.

Today, Barclay encourages other young artists to pursue what genuinely inspires them, because that is where meaningful and original work begins.

His journey is just one example of what becomes possible when young minds are given the opportunity, guidance, and a platform to create.

Your support empowers young artists to explore across disciplines, find their creative voice, and grow with confidence.

VOICES IMPACT GLOBAL REACH



4,200+

Submissions from students age 6-17 all over the world.

22

U.S. states including MA, NJ, VA, CA, NY, NC, AZ, and others.

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Countries and territories including United States, India, China, Canada, United Arab Emirates, Thailand, and Taiwan.

The 2025 XCAC proudly received endorsement and support from State Representative and the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

Mass Cultural Council Program Officers

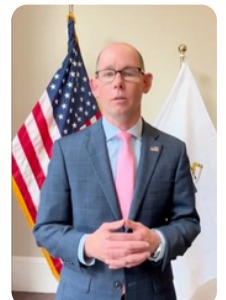
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WHAT'S NEW IN 2026

New Competition Categories

Interactive E-Book, Experimental
Photography, Theater



Expanded Global Reach

International promotion launched across
20+ countries in North America, Europe,
and Asia-Pacific.

MusicOn+ InterArts Festival

A live, interdisciplinary space where
sound, images, and ideas collide.



- Visual art and contemporary music in one shared space
- Sound shaping how artworks are experienced
- Artists, students, and composers together
- A platform for dialogue and public engagement

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NIF PROGRAMS LINKED TO THE CONTEST

Student Blog & Journalism



The NIF Student Blog & Journalism Program is a global youth initiative. The program invites students ages 10-17 to observe, reflect, and articulate their perspectives on art, school life, and personal growth through writing, images, and short-form video.

Workshops



Our workshops bring together students, artists, and community members through creative learning and holistic experiences.

COLLABORATING PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS

Our award-winning participants represent 156+ schools worldwide, including:

- Phillips Academy Andover
- Phillips Exeter Academy
- Buckingham Browne & Nichols School
- Winsor School
- Lexington High School
- Belmont High School
- Weston High School



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ABOUT NIF

NextGen InterArts Foundation is a **non-profit foundation 501(c)(3)** that conducts and hosts charitable activities. Our main focus is to provide various art programs towards community, both local and global, promoting diverse and high-level art education.



Empower Youth (age 6 – 18)

We inspire and support young artists through innovative arts education platforms and diverse activities.



Foster Cross-Disciplinary Creativity

By integrating art with music, writing, science, and more, we encourage the creation of new artistic forms.



Promote Originality & Wellbeing

Virtual global programs and local initiatives that spark creativity, support mental health, and foster artistic and social growth.

Your impacts:

Empower Young Artists Globally

Provide opportunities, scholarships, and global platforms for young artists.

Inspire Creativity

Foster interdisciplinary thinking, innovation, and self-expression.

Connect Globally

Build a diverse, inclusive community through exhibitions and cross-cultural exchange.



DONATION DETAILS

Your donation directly supports the XC Creative Art Contest in empowering young artists to pursue their creative journeys. ***All donors will receive an official donation receipt.***

All benefits are optional, and you may choose to remain anonymous if you wish.

SUPPORTER

\$100 - 499

- Name showcase on contest website page

ART ALLY

\$500 - 999

- Name showcase on contest website page
- Name on all printed promotional materials

VISIONARY CONTRIBUTOR

\$1,000 - 4,999

- Name showcase on contest website page
- Name on all printed promotional materials
- Name on all social media promotional materials
- **Award ceremony public acknowledgment**
- 3 front row award ceremony seats



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HONORARY PATRON

\$5,000 - 9,999

- Option to have a **dedicated section** on contest website page.
- Name on all printed promotional materials
- Name on all social media promotional materials
- Introduction on social media
- **Award ceremony public acknowledgment**
- **Award presentation** opportunity
- Opportunity to name a special award
- 3 front row award ceremony seats

DISTINGUISHED BENEFACTOR

\$10,000 +

- Option to have a **dedicated page** on contest **website page**
- Name on all printed promotional materials
- Name on **all social media** promotional materials
- Featured introduction on social media
- **Award Ceremony public acknowledgment** with brief **speech** and **award presentation**
- Opportunity to **name a special award**
- 4 front row award ceremony seats



WHY CHILDREN NEED INTERDISCIPLINARY ART

The Challenge: Rethinking Education in a Changing World

Today's education system separates disciplines such as art and science, imagination and logic, leaving children without a holistic way to understand the world. Learning is often driven by standardization and testing, where creativity is treated as secondary and students are guided toward finding the right answers instead of exploring ideas.

As a result, children grow up in fragmented learning environments that disconnect knowledge from real-world application. They have limited opportunities to ask meaningful questions, think across disciplines, or develop flexible and creative ways of understanding.

At the same time, many young people lack access to platforms where they can express themselves and share their perspectives globally. In a rapidly changing world, this gap is no longer sustainable. We are facing not only an education gap, but also a growing creativity gap.

Why Interdisciplinary Art Matters

Interdisciplinary art is not an alternative to traditional education. It is an essential evolution of it. Children need interdisciplinary art because it builds the skills required to navigate an increasingly complex future.

Creativity is not simply the ability to make art, but the ability to imagine possibilities, approach problems from new perspectives, and generate original solutions.

Critical thinking enables children to connect ideas across disciplines, question assumptions, and develop deeper and more nuanced understanding.

STEAM integration brings together science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics to encourage innovation and real world application.

Global perspective allows young people to communicate across cultures, understand diverse viewpoints, and engage with a shared global future.

Through interdisciplinary creation, children learn not only what to think, but how to think, and how to create meaning in a complex world. This is not just art education. It is future education.



2025 AWARD CEREMONY & OPERATIONS

At the conclusion of each contest cycle, the XC Creative Art Contest hosts an [Award Ceremony and Exhibition](#) - an opportunity to honor top student artists and share their creativity with the broader community.

~ 300 attendees, 6+ sponsor tables, video messages from Massachusetts Cultural Council officers and State Representative Richard Haggerty.



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Award Ceremony



Exhibition (30 artworks showcased)



Academic Workshop



Sponsor

Check out [2025 XC Creative Art Contest Ceremony and Workshop](#) for more information.



INSIDE THE OPERATION

We have established a strong foundation for the contest - from securing distinguished judges for evaluation, to designing and producing custom medals and certificates, and building a robust back-end system to ensure smooth operations.

JUDGES



William Norton
Main Judge



Kahori Kamiya
Artistic Judge



new!

Yingjie Lao
Science Judge



Yiming Wu
Music Composition Judge



new!

Michael Shi
Photography & Media Judge



Vincent Yee
Literature Judge

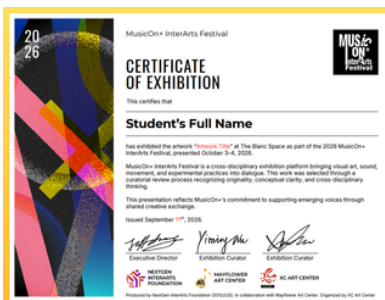
MEDALS



CONTEST CERTIFICATES



EXHIBITION CERTIFICATES



EDUCATOR CERTIFICATES



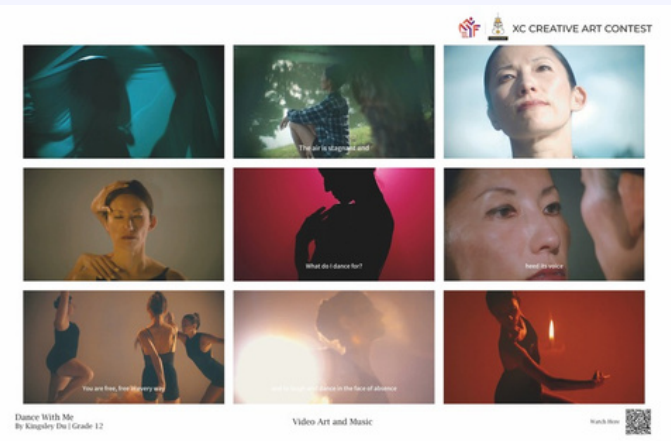
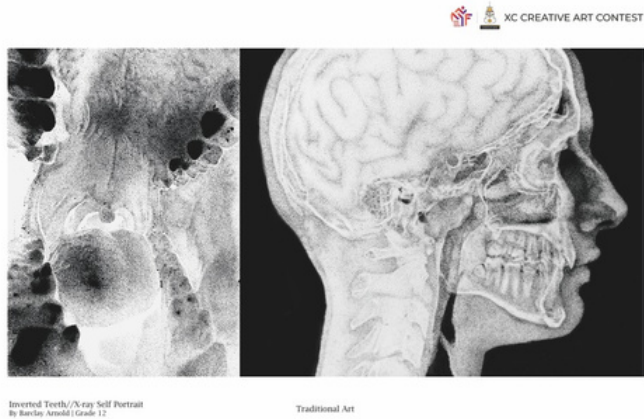


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A CLOSER LOOK

2025 contest received over 4,200 submissions from young artists across 22 U.S. states and 7 countries. With boundless imagination, cross-disciplinary thinking, refined artistic techniques, and heartfelt expression, these students have presented powerful and compelling artistic voices from a global youth perspective.

SOME OF OUR SUBMITTED ARTWORKS FOR XC CREATIVE ART CONTEST 2025



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Partner with NextGen InterArts Foundation to empower youth through creativity, wellbeing, and STEAM education.

DONATE 

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**<https://www.nextgeninterarts.com/donation#donation>
to make a difference today!**

**YOUR GENEROSITY IS MORE THAN A DONATION.
IT IS A BRIDGE TO A CHILD'S FUTURE.**

Every contribution opens a door for a young artist to explore, to express, and to be seen. It provides not only resources, but also confidence, opportunity, and a sense of belonging in a global creative community.

Together, we can empower the next generation to imagine, create, and lead.

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If you have any questions about the sponsorship details, send us an email at info@nextgeninterarts.com

We would be happy to assist you and answer your questions.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION