Young Artists Showcase &
SV Reads 2021 Virtual Celebration

All lives matter those that serve and lead in our community.

Bibliography:

Story of Sounds
Format: Free Verse (categorized by irregular rhythm and rhyme)

One day
After recess I was
Walking inside. Chatting, laughing, playing
Suddenly a door came at me
Slammed me in the ears
But I got up and
Walked away
Seemingly unharmed.

That night in bed
I hear birds, chirp, chirp
Chirping their way into my head.
I worry there may be something wrong.

Next day at the doctor
They tell me to describe the sounds
I tell them about the chirps
Beeps
And other sounds I hear
I tell them how when I listen closely
The whooshing of the wind becomes
The roaring of a lion
They look inside my ears
And find a clump of earwax
Big as a seed,
Hard as rock
They flush it out with water.

At home I notice
Everything is louder,
Closer,
More detailed somehow.
I feel I am imagining it,
How I can hear more than
Anyone else.

Again at night I lie in bed
And listen
To the cacophony of sounds in my head
Rising above
The banging of cabinets
And my dad talking in the next room.

They say I have tinnitus
I imagine sounds that are not there
It is worse at night
And when
I hear loud sounds.

I thought this was
The worst thing ever to
Happen to me,
I thought I could never
Get over it and
I would always hear
Chirping, beeping, roaring.

But one day we went
On an airplane,
Loaded our luggage
Boarded the plane, listened to music
And movies until it was time to land.

I waited for the pressure
To reach my ears
Waited for it to burrow inside and
Make them burst but
It never came.

I realized through this
God had given me a gift to balance out
My troubles
I never again felt pressure when
A plane landed.

My tinnitus never fully
Went away,
I still hear beeps at night
And when I am in a quiet room.

But I have accepted the sounds
Even welcomed them
As part of who I am
I am now stronger
Cheerful
Looking on the bright side
Instead of spending time figuring out
What is wrong with me
And worrying about it.

At least
When tinnitus is at its peak
I don’t have to listen to my dad
Yelling,
Typing, stomping in the
Next room with his colleagues
It surrounds me with a bubble
Of beeps and birds
Lulling me to sleep with their cheerful song.
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Young Artist Showcase Artists

Deep appreciation to all those students who entered their pieces in this year’s Showcase! The students listed below received additional recognition from our community curator, Amy Sargeant of the San Jose Museum of Art.

- **Allie Liao** – *I love drawing and COVID 19 will not stop me*
  Kindergarten
  E.M. Grimmer Elementary • Fremont Unified SD

- **Collin Li** – *Art is my life*
  Kindergarten
  Cupertino Language Immersion Program (Meyerholz)
  Cupertino Union SD

- **Henry Jian** – *Art is my Wild Imagination: Recycled Submarine*
  Kindergarten
  Farnham Elementary • Cambrian SD

- **Jayden Leaokittikul** – *Unity*
  3rd Grade
  Sartoette Virtual School • Cambrian SD

- **Chewn Lim** – *Art maintains our Identities...
  Recycled Submarine*
  5th Grade
  Cupertino Language Immersion Program (Meyerholz)
  Cupertino Union SD

- **Zoey Lim** – *Me, Myself, and I*
  8th Grade
  Miller Middle School • Cupertino Union SD

- **Jackson Lynn** – *Under the Overpass*
  9th Grade
  Palo Alto High School • Palo Alto Unified SD

- **Ruge Ji** – *Wildfire*
  9th Grade
  Palo Alto High School • Palo Alto Unified SD

- **Sofia Difede** – *Water Carafe Conundrum*
  9th Grade
  Palo Alto High School • Palo Alto Unified SD

- **Orr Bar-Yossef** – *Expectations: Blinded*
  10th Grade
  Palo Alto High School • Palo Alto Unified SD

- **Sonia Hussein** – *A Puddles Perspective*
  10th Grade
  Palo Alto High School • Palo Alto Unified SD

- **Monica Barletta** – *Sunbathing*
  10th Grade
  Palo Alto High School • Palo Alto Unified SD

- **Charlize Nguyen** – *Silenced Survivors*
  12th Grade
  Palo Alto High School • Palo Alto Unified SD

- **Hjalmar Levander** – *Emerging*
  12th Grade
  Palo Alto High School • Palo Alto Unified SD

- **Gillean Lacanieta** – *Travel*
  12th Grade
  Westmont High School • Campbell Union High SD

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SV Reads 2021 Award Recipients

**GRADES TK-5 RECIPIENTS**

- **Apollo Ukanwa**
  1st Place – Mural
  4th Grade
  San Martin Gwinn Elementary School
  Morgan Hill Unified School District

- **Zaed Borlaza**
  2nd Place – Mural
  3rd Grade
  Evergreen Elementary School
  Evergreen Elementary School District

- **Murtuza Iqbal**
  3rd Place – Mural
  3rd Grade
  Sakamoto Elementary School
  Oak Grove School District

**GRADES 6-12 RECIPIENTS**

- **Gabriella Wong**
  1st Place – Poem
  7th Grade
  Ida Price Middle School
  Cambrian School District

- **Catalina Tompkins**
  2nd Place – Poem
  6th Grade
  Brownell Middle School
  Gilroy Unified School District

- **Alina Carbajal**
  3rd Place – Poem
  6th Grade
  Brownell Middle School
  Gilroy Unified School District
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