

Gallery 263

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Morse School Art Show – art from preschool to grade 8

Opening reception Wednesday, April 29, 5:30-7:30pm

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Gallery 263 is pleased to present *The Morse School Art Show*, a diverse mix of art from Cambridge public school students -- self portraits, stuffed animal portraits, sculptures, plaster masks, Chinese brush works, and more.

The Morse School, a Cambridge public elementary school, located at 40 Granite St, has begun a new community art project. Art teacher Aimee Laplante, with the help of the Morse Arts Committee, organizes local community businesses and organizations to display the public school's artwork.

The show at Gallery 263 includes over 150 works of art from grades K-8 at the Morse School.

- Special Start preschool: A collaborative mural based on the book *Swimmy*
- Kindergarten: Paintings of zoomed in flowers, with an emphasis on mixing colors and blending paint
- 1st Grade: Large observational drawings and paintings of stuffed animals
- 2nd Grade: Observational drawings of flowers and symmetrical stained glass flower designs
- 3rd Grade: Self portraits in pencil and expressive portraits in chalk pastels
- 4th Grade: Chinese brush paintings
- 5th Grade: Aborigine-inspired sgraffito tiles and prints
- 6th Grade: Landscape collages and recycled sculptures
- 7th Grade: Plaster masks
- 8th Grade: Freedom quilt reduction prints

These works brighten the walls and inspire artists of all ages. Light floods in through the Pearl Street windows, filters through the stained glass hangings and the mobiles, and lands upon the faces, flowers, and fantasies created by the Cambridge school children. Their works lift the spirit, and Gallery 263 is proud to give them this opportunity to share their visions and help cultivate in them much deserved pride in their accomplishments.

The gallery is open to the public every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 11 am to 6:30 pm. For this show, the Gallery will be open daily for the week of April 27 – May 1. For more details about this exhibit and the gallery, please visit www.gallery263.com.

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