

Artist of the Year: Semifinalists for 3D visual arts

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From a list of 33 nominees, the following 7 students have been named as semi-finalists for the 2018 Artist of the Year in 3D visual arts. The students were chosen by a panel of teachers based on written statements, art portfolios and artistic résumés.

Included are links to their work, the specialty in which they were nominated, and quotes about how they relate to their craft.

3D visual artists have been nominated in the specialties of sculpting and metalwork, 3D mixed media, and ceramics.

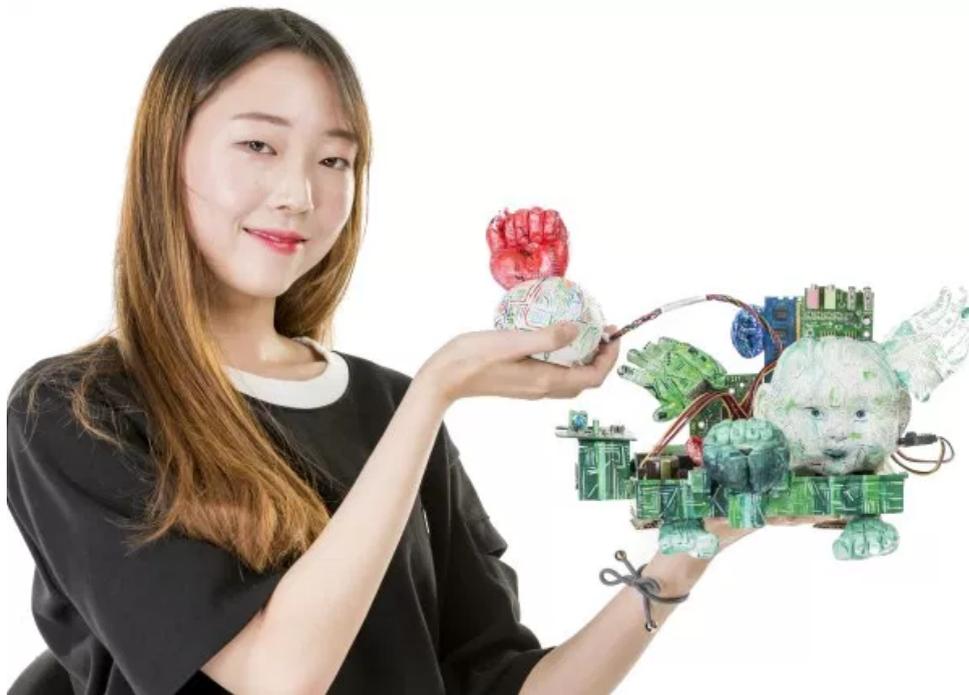
During the final round of adjudication, students are interviewed by a panel of distinguished artistic professionals and faculty members from Southern California universities as well as a few representative high school teachers. Interviews include a live presentation by the students followed by a question-and-answer-session.

One finalist in each specialty will be named and from those finalists, one Artist of the Year in each of the seven disciplines – theater, dance, instrumental music, vocal music, film/animation, 2D visual art and 3D visual art – will be chosen.

The 2018 Artists of the Year will be announced on April 22.

The Artist of the Year program is presented in partnership with the Register, Orange County Music and Dance, and the Orange County Department of Education.

Support from the partners as well as Segerstrom Center for the Arts, the Angels Baseball Foundation, and Allied Medical will help to provide cash awards for the students and their schools' arts programs. If you would like to support the Artist of the Year program, contact Heide Janssen at heide@ocmusicdance.org



Jung Min Lee of Crean Lutheran High School is a 3D visual arts semi-finalist in the specialty of 3D mixed media. (Photo by Leonard Ortiz/Orange County Register/SCNG)

Jung Min Lee, senior, Crean Lutheran High School

Specialty: 3D mixed media

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