Bruce Museum Announces
New Art Competition for Young Students

*The Call for Entries Invites Children from Kindergarten through Eighth Grade to Respond Creatively to the Coronavirus Crisis*

GREENWICH, CT, May 26, 2020 – The Bruce Museum is excited to announce a new art competition that will highlight the talents and concerns of the coming generation of young artists.

The Bruce Museum Junior Art Competition 2020: *Seeing and Feeling During the Pandemic* has been developed for children in grades Kindergarten through grade 8. Using the prompt, “What do you see and feel during this time of pandemic?” the art competition asks kids to use their creativity to share their unique experiences during this unprecedented health crisis.

“We’ve seen the impact the Museum’s popular annual *iCreate* exhibition of high school artists has had throughout the community,” says Robert Wolterstorff, The Susan E. Lynch Executive Director. “This is a wonderful opportunity for us to show how younger artists are using their creativity to express themselves. Art truly does inspire, and it will help us all get through these trying times.”
Artwork can be created in any medium, with one submission per artist. Artwork can be submitted electronically as one (1) image per two-dimensional work or two (2) images for three-dimensional pieces via email to jartcomp@brucemuseum.org. Information required for the submission includes: artist's name, age, current grade at school, title of work, and medium of work. Parents, please note: submission of artwork constitutes adult guardian permission to participate, as well as rights to use images for promotional or other uses by the Bruce Museum.

Awards will be offered for two age groups, grades K-4 and grades 5-8, respectively: First Prize - $75/$150 Visa gift card plus annual family membership to the Bruce Museum valued at $65; Second Prize - $50/$100 gift card plus annual family membership; Third Prize - $25/$75 gift card plus annual family membership. There will also be a Bruce Museum Director's Award, with a prize of a $100 Visa gift card.

“These are uncharted territories for students, and with schools no longer in session, we wanted to find a new way to channel their creative expression,” says Felicity Kostakis, who along with fellow Museum volunteers Lily deJongh Downing and Cricket Lockhart, will serve as judges for the art competition. “As an art teacher, I firmly believe that art has the ability to empower and bring meaning to students' lives as well as the lives of others. Let’s all #stayhomeandcreate!”

Deadline for entries is June 15, 2020. Winners will be announced on June 19, and their artwork will be exhibited virtually on a dedicated website. For complete details and rules about the Bruce Museum Junior Art Competition 2020: Seeing and Feeling During the Pandemic, please visit the “Events” page at brucemuseum.org.

The Bruce Museum wishes to thank Co-Sponsors Lily deJongh Downing, Felicity Kostakis, and Cricket Lockhart for their generous support of the Junior Art Competition 2020: Seeing and Feeling During the Pandemic.

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About the Bruce Museum
The Bruce Museum is a community-based, world-class institution highlighting art and science. The Bruce features changing galleries for art and permanent galleries for the natural sciences offering regional to global perspectives. Accredited by the American Alliance of Museums and voted the best museum in Fairfield County by area media in recent years, the Bruce plays an integral role in the cultural life of area residents. The Museum attracts approximately 70,000 visitors annually, including 24,000 school children, and also has special programs for families, seniors, students, and community organizations. Located in a park setting just off I-95, exit 3, at 1 Museum Drive in Greenwich, Connecticut, the Museum is also a 5-minute walk from the Metro-North Greenwich Station. The Bruce Museum is temporarily closed in accordance with state and local guidelines. Normal operating hours:
Open Tuesday through Sunday from 10 am to 5 pm; closed Mondays and major holidays. For additional information, call the Bruce Museum at 203-869-0376 or visit brucemuseum.org.

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