

Garrison Art Center

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SITE: School Invitational Theme Exhibition: *You Are Here* High School Mentor Exhibition

Exhibition Dates: March 25 – April 2, 2023

Opening Reception: Saturday, March 25, 1-3 pm

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LEFT: A piece from SITE 2022 RIGHT: Painting of students work from Mentor 2022 program

February 21, 2023, Garrison, NY - Garrison Art Center (GAC) is pleased to announce ***You Are Here, SITE: School Invitational Theme Exhibition*** featuring the artwork of students in Kindergarten to 12th grade and the ***Mentor Exhibition*** featuring the work of high school students in our Mentor Program. This is typically the first time students will show their work at a professional gallery. We are very excited to have these two long-running annual exhibitions run from March 25 – April 2, 2023, with an opening reception on Saturday, March 25, from 1-3 pm.

You Are Here

SITE: School Invitational Theme Exhibition

School Invitational Theme Exhibition, SITE, is one of our longest-running outreach programs for grades K - 12 at Garrison Art Center. SITE is a program that encourages teachers of Hudson Valley regional, elementary, middle, and high schools to engage their students in a theme-based project to be exhibited at the Art Center. Garrison Art Center's goal for 29 years has been to encourage students in cross-curriculum learning while supporting artistic confidence by allowing them to exhibit their work.

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From the beadwork and basketry of the Lenape to the famed Hudson River School paintings to the colorful installation art of Judy Pfaff, our region has always fostered a rich and diverse crop of art, design, and architecture. This year 15 schools are participating, and we encouraged the schools and students to explore the art and design of the Hudson Valley for *You Are Here*, our 2023 School Invitational Theme Exhibition.

Mentor Exhibition

The Mentor Program allows dedicated high school students to be paired with professional artists to further their development in an area of special interest. The Mentor Program is unique, enabling students to challenge themselves in a deeper exploration of a medium in which they already have proficiency and to gain insight from their mentor's professional life experience.

This year we have 13 students paired with 13 artists. Students were selected based on their proposals' merits, strengths, and clarity. From their proposals, the students were paired with a mentor. Under the guidance of a mentor, the student experiences the art-making process from conception to execution, creating a specific piece or body of work and advancing their existing skills. The Mentor Program makes a valuable contribution to the creative futures of local youth and the vitality of the Art Center's community. The program runs primarily on the generous, volunteered time of the artist mentors.

You Are Here will be on view in the Gillette Gallery, concurrent with the **Mentor Exhibition**, in the Balter Gallery. The Galleries at Garrison Art Center are open Tuesday – Friday, Sunday, 10 - 5 pm, and Saturday, 12 - 5 pm.

For Additional Information

For information about exhibitions, classes, and other programs at the Garrison Art Center, please visit garrisonartcenter.org or call 845.424.3960. Join the conversation via Instagram @GarrisonArtCenter.

About The Garrison Art Center

The Garrison Art Center (GAC), located in Garrison, NY, is a 501 (c) (3) not-for-profit arts and education organization founded in 1964. GAC is committed to making a difference by providing access to the visual arts to a diverse audience of learners, professional artists, community members, collectors, families, and friends from varied ethnic, cultural, geographic and economic backgrounds.



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