

## Artist Reception

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Adam North

Pie Face

Sharpie on Paper, 2024

This artwork depicts a good game of Pie Face between our artist Adam and one of his favorite teachers, James. Of course, Adam is #1 and James goes home with a pie in the face...every time!!

#### Aaden Schlabach

Cactus Sitting in the Sun Too Long

Collage, 2024

#### Spiderman City

Collage, 2024

Aaden is a student at Roosevelt High School. HE is taking an art class with Mrs. Nguyen. Aaden likes to make collages because they are fun to make.

## Aiden Klinkhammer

Greg Heffley in the Buildings

Paper and Glue, 2024

#### Alexandra Reyes

Skyscraper

Collage, 2024



#### Alicia Howell

Color \* Love \* Wind \* Dancing

Watercolor on Paper, 2024

Alicia's watercolor is a beaeutiful mix of colors that are delicately placed upon the page. When working to describe her artwork she chose the words "color", "love", "wind", and dancing as what she saw in her piece. It has the look of colors lightly touching the sky and the wind causing them to dance across the canvas.

## Alvin Fast Wolf

Buffalo Skull Yellow/Red

Buffalo Skull Black



#### Amanda Gorsuch

Packer Buddies

Watercolor, 2024

Amanda loves her Packers and is always looking for a friend to talk about them with! Go Pack Go!



Anne Sullivan

Buzz Words, Sign 1 Multimedia, 2024

Buzz Words, Sign 2 Multimedia, 2024

Hi, my name is Anne Sullivan and this is my second year of participating in the Artability Art Show. Two years ago I submitted one large work of art. This year I am submitting 2 pieces that are two sided. Bees are extremely important to today's world, as is having a positive attitude. I hope everyone enjoys my artwork as much as I enjoy creating it.

## Artist Supported by LifeScape Center for the Arts Apple Orchard

Acrylic, 2024

This artwork takes us right to warm late summer days when the orchards are full and it's time for some apple picking! When tasked with creating artwork that depicted a South Dakota landscape, this artist thought about long rows of apple trees and being outside with those they love the most, laughing, eating, and bringing home some apples to do some baking!

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#### **Butterflies**

Acrylic, 2024

"Butterflies" depicts a beautiful landscape showing the tops of the brown mountains, the beautiful blues of the sky, the colors the sun can play as its bounces around off the clouds and through the clouds. This artist created beautiful texture throughout their painting which makes it come alive. You can feel the movement in the sky, like the beating of butterfly wings.

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#### Ocean Waters

Acrylic, 2024

This artwork was created with strong marks of wispy acrylic paint dancing across the canvas. The artist was meticulous in creating their marks and keeping the spacing they wanted to create a specific look. Like the light filtering through the ocean waters we see the traditional colors of blue combined with an array of colors that can be found in the reefs and hidden gems beneath our waters surface.

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#### **Snowy Mountains**

Acrylic, 2024

This artist gave us a landscape done in bold graphics that immediately pull your eyes to it! "Snowy Mountains" are standing strong across the canvas outlined by the fiery orange of the sky and the bright greens of the grass in the meadows below. This artist was beyond proud of the work they did and is thrilled to share it with so many appreciative viewers!

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#### Summer into Winter

Acrylic, 2024

This artwork was created with layers of paint, blending, and texture developed through the use of modeling paste. When tasked with finding inspiration from the South Dakota landscape, this artist depicted the way South Dakota's summers go whipping into fall and into the cold blustery winter we experience. The light pinks and yellow represent summer, the deep burnt colors represent fall, and winter is cold and icy represented in the blue tones blowing and swirling like snow across the canyas.

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#### Suzie

Acrylic, 2024

This artwork was created using strong color blocking to depict the forest landscape across the blue south Dakota skies.



## Ashley Birgholtz

Morning Night

Acrylic, 2024

Ashley is an enthusiastic artist who love spending time being creative, especially with her friends! Her artwork, "Morning Night" shows the landscapes and how the colors change throughout the day from the bright blue day sky to the deep inky purples of the night.



#### Avery Wagner

What Do You See?

Watercolor, 2024

Avery is a budding young artist who is excited to showcase his artwork for the first time at Artability! He enjoyed creating different shapes, then stepping back and looking at them and analyzing. He would say, "what do you see?" Can you find the thought bubble? The bowling ball? The strawberry? The dinosaur?



Bobbi Jo Jacobs Woodstock

Tempera on Paper, 2024

Bobbi Jo is a young, positive woman who is happy to share her art with you! She loves doing art, cheering on the Vikings, and being with her family!



Pizza Pizza Mixed Media, 2024

I love pepperoni pizza! I made a collage to represent my love of pizza. Pizza makes me very happy!



Carly Van Roekel

I Like Flowers

Watercolor on Paper, 2024

I love all different types of flowers and can't wait for them to arrive again this year with the warm sun!



Video Games 2024



Cheryl Erpenbach

Night Sky

Mixed Media, 2024

Cheryl is a meticulous painter who takes her artwork very seriously! In this creation titled "Night Sky", Cheryl utilized artwork that had been cut into strips. She was able to individually choose each piece that she wanted to weave together to create her piece. She felt that the dark moodiness found throughout the artwork depicted the night sky which is sprinkled with bits of yellow pops, reminiscent of the stars.

## CJ Hartman

Winter Blues – Personality of a Flower Colored Pencil on Paper, 2024 Blue flowers are rare. Is it spring? Or is it winter?



Dana Saner

Rainbow Mixed Media, 2024

Dana is so excited to share her artwork at this year's Artability! She loves being creative and getting show off all of her talent! Dana's artwork was made by her taking specifically chosen strips of pre-cut artwork and weaving them together. She was able to choose between artwork she had created, artwork done by her friends, and in general artwork she just simply enjoyed and then weaving them together like a rainbow of beautiful colors!



Denelle Wilson

All Season Tree Sparkling Resin Rhinestones, 2024 The Grinch Sparkling Resin Rhinestones, 2024

## Dylan Heidelberger

The Beginning Digital Photography, 2024

The Old Shed Digital Photography, 2024

Elijah Landin

Color Wall



Emily Learing
Special Olympics Fireworks
Tempera on Paper, 2024

Emily is excited to share her artwork at this year's Artability! She loves dogs, her family, and being a Sioux Falls Firework! She participates in basketball, bowling, track & field, bocce, and volleyball.

Erin Gustaf Diamond Art Turtle Power Diamond Art, 2024

## Ian Krall

Ethereal Space Acrylic, 2024

Midnight, Winter Mixed Media, 2024

#### Isaac Larsen

#### Cactus

Color Pencil and Watercolor, 2024

Issac is a student at Roosevelt High School. He is taking an art class with Mrs. Nguyen. Issac likes to draw because it is fun and relaxing.



#### Jack Salestrom

Christmas Tree Farm, Candy Corn, Corn Candy Acrylic, 2024

Jack's personality is as big as his smile and energy level! In the last couple of years, he's really started to explore artmaking and is finding that he really loves being a part of the process, especially while doing it with a group of people he loves!

Jack's artwork tells the story of the lone Charlie Brown-esque Christmas tree at the Christmas tree farm. As his painting continued, he found that his background resembled more of a candy corn than a Christmas scene, which made him laugh. That also brought on the debate... Is a candy corn, or corn candy? What do you think?!

#### Jacob Heiser

Hospital Oil Pastel, 2024

Wildfire

Oil Pastel, 2024



#### Jaiden Parmenter

Modern Chaos

Acrylic on Canvas, 2024

This art piece showcases my messy style fun, where I used my functionalhand, easy-hold grip, and magic mold for all of my paint brushes. I experimented with various tools, like paint daubers and brushes, adding textures with cotton balls and string. The finishing touches were applied using my signation drop style technique and detailed with my fingers.

#### Wild Expressions

Acrylic on Fabric, 2023

I began working on this artwork during ArtAbility last year, where someone inspired me to paint my entire shirt. I dedicated several art sessions to this piece, mainly using my fingers and drop style technique, along with various paint brushes to create splat paint effects.

Hey there, I'm Jaiden, but most people call me J or JJ. I'm 17 years old and living with Cerebral Palsy, Septo-Optic Dysplasia and Epilepsy. I use an alternative communication method. Art is my jam - I love expressing myself through my art materpieces.



Jaren Keiser

Sunshine

Marker on Paper, 2024

Mountainous Farmhouse

Marker on Paper, 2024

Jaren, at age 20, is a long-time performer with the LifeScape Center for the Arts and has been in countless performances as an actor as well as a stage partner. Although he loves the arts, his biggest passion is for taking the stage with Special Olympics! Jaren is a proud member of the Sioux Falls Lancers; he has participated in the US Games in 2022 and brought home the gold medal in the 200 meter dash; and he serves on the South Dakota State Special Olympics Athlete Leadership Council and the South Dakota Torch Run Committee and had the opportunity to run with the torch across South Dakota last year and will do so again this May! Jaren has three brothers, Chris, Noah, and Jayce. He would love to thank them, and his mom Kelly for their love and support in all he does!



#### Jennifer Miklos

#### Petals of Change

Acrylic on Canvas, 2024

I am a proud Cat mom to Gizmo for the past 3 years. When I'm Not slaving away at Hy-Vee (4 yrs).

I spend as much time as I can with the loves of my life, I have 5 beautiful nieces and 1 handsome nephew, I spend as much time with them as possible, and also enjoy time and activities with friends.

I struggle with depression, anxiety, and BPD, amongst physical ailments that have left me disabled, severe migraines (27 yrs), and many more, however I have learned throughout the years to manage life with the disabilities. I don't let the disabilities in my life ruin my life.

I have chosen 17 feeling words to represent an individual petal on the flower. You can associate colors with different words.

1 angry
2 disappointed
3 frustrated
4 irritated
5 happy
6 sad
7 proud
11 optimistic
12 wonderful
13 comfortable
14 aggressive
15 alone
16 pathetic
17 offended

8 love 9 anxious 10 cheerful

The number 17 is special symbolizing spiritual awakening and enlightenment. (Wikipedia)

#### Jericka Nolmans

**Butterfly Garden** 

Acrylic on Canvas, 2024

**Dragonfly Mosaic** 

Watercolor on Paper, 2024

#### John Baustian

Sweet Dreams and Nightmares 2024

## Jordan Vanella

My Spy Ninja Guys Mixed Media, 2024

I made different Spy Ninja Guys! Each one has a different style of ninja skills. I am also a Ninja! I love showing my favorite things through my art!

#### Josh Sola

Los Angeles Airport

Paper and Glue, 2024

Josh is a student at Roosevelt High School. He is taking an art class with Mrs. Nguyen. Josh prefers to make collages because they are fun to make.



**Josh Twwer** Slow Your Roll, Dad Acrylic on Paper, 2024

Josh loves having the opportunity to show off his talents. He was mesmerized watching the paint as it slowly rolled down his paper. He dedicates this artwork to his dad!



Kenzi Hartman

Africa
Mixed Media, 2024

Kenzi is a very talented young lady who loves all aspects of the arts. She lives for theatre and performing on stage. Nothing brings her more joy than an audience responding to her performance! She loves the opportunity to create visual arts as well, and has participated in ArtAbility for many years. In the fall of 2023, Kenzi was awarded the LifeScape Center for the Arts' inaugural Jordan Mogck Spirit of the Arts Award. This award was given based on the body of work that Kenzi has created over the years, the passion and enthusiasm for which she has for the arts, and for her grace and kindness in creating alongside others.

Kenzi's piece "Africa" was created using artwork cut into strips and then chosen specifically. Kenzi is known to include a lot of leopard and cheetah into her leggings wardrobe and it is no surprise to see these African-inspired patterns make their way into her artwork. Upon finishing her artwork she showed it off while giving us a rousing rendition of "The Lion Sleeps Tonight"!



Lauren Benson

Fruity Night Colored Pencil and Pen, 2024

The animals in this are a dragon fruit dragon, a snake fruit snake, a papaya frog, and a durian hedgehog. I think my autism influenced my art by giving me a large creative brain and confidence for my art as a 12-year-old artist.

## LifeScape Student Artist

#### **Butterfly Wings**

Acrylic, 2024

This young artist loves creating and sharing her voice through her art! Painting in a traditional sense is more challenging for this artist so we focused on adapted and out-of-the-box approaches to creating the artwork. Using their electronic communication device they were able to pick the colors they wanted to use. They then squeezed the bottle making "blobs" of paint all over the paper. There were many giggles shared when the paint didn't always go where planned. . . especially when it squirted and sputtered or when hands landed in it unexpectedly!! After all of the paint was covering the paper, another piece of paper was applied on top. While holding a paintbrush can be tricky, this artist is easily able to move their hands all over the paper pressing down the paints, mixing them this way, and feeling the cool wet paint soak into the paper. After enough spreading had been done, the papers were pulled apart revealing what was thought to look like abstract butterfly wings!





## LifeScape Student Artists

Flower Garden

Tempera on Paper, 2024

- Abby Petersen
- Kaedence Kasendorf

These three young artists had a fabulous time working together with their teachers to create their collaborative art piece, "Flower Garden". Not all art is created using traditional methods and tools, and these girls enjoyed being a little outside of the box!

**Lityk Klinger**Cartoon Show
2024



**Lucas Knopf** 

Elvis

Mixed Media, 2024

Lucas is a fun-loving guy who loves nothing more than he does Elvis! He loves the music, the moves, and the man!

His artwork was created using artwork that was created and then cut into strips, then woven together to create the final product! Much like Elvis' costumes, we see some solid color and then fun punches of pattern and embellishment! And, much like Elvis' music this artwork is full of excitement and movement!



Mark Hansen

Lion Fire

Colored Pencil, 2023

Sapphire Peacock

Colored Pencil, 2024

A Stroke of Art: How a graphic arts director overcame a stroke to rediscover his passion for drawing.

Mark Hansen has always been an artist at heart. For most of his career, he worked as a graphic arts director in the advertising industry, creating eye-catching designs and logos for various clients. He also enjoyed drawing with pencil as a hobby, producing many pieces that his family and friends admired. However, three years ago, Mark's life changed dramatically when he suffered a massive stroke that left him with minimal verbal skills and unable to use his right hand, which was his dominant hand. Drawing was an important part of Mark's life, and he did not want to give up on his passion. He decided to teach himself how to use his left hand to draw, and to challenge himself further, he switched from pencil to colored pencils, adding more vibrancy and depth to his artwork.

These two pieces "Saphire Peacock" and "Lion Fire" are two of his favorites that he created after his stroke, and he wants to share them with everyone. They demonstrate his resilience, creativity, and talent as an artist, and they inspire others to overcome their own obstacles and pursue their dreams.



## McKenzie Strohm

**Looking Down** 

Acrylic, 2024

McKenzie is new to the visual arts field but has always loved dancing and music! While some artists may take a more traditional approach to their landscape painting, McKenzie said that her artwork is what she envisions you see if you are in an airplane looking down upon the South Dakota landscape as you fly by.



Megan Lauritzen

The Coyote

Acrylic on Canvas, 2024

Megan created a wild and exciting piece of artwork for us to enjoy! As she was painting, she was seated at a table with several friends. There was much debate between the group regarding which was better, SDSU and USD and everyone was giving each other a hard time. You can see this debate depicted in her artwork, but for Megan it was the red and black that came out on top!

## Michael Maloney

Rolling Thunder and Lightening

Mixed Media, 2024

I made a storm. I enjoyed squishing the tissue paper for different parts of my project. I also enjoyed splattering paint for the rain. I love making art and communicating through art.

#### Mikaela Nolmans

Night and Day

Acrylic on Canvas, 2024

Stitch Day Dreamin

Acrylic on Canvas, 2024



**Nathan Mallard** 

Lucky

Watercolor, 2024

This art will remind us to be lucky within our hearts and our dreams and it will tell ourselves you gonna be lucky everyday even St Patrick's Day a lot.

#### The Autumn Sunset

Watercolor, 2024

That artwork shows us that Autumn is another word Fall and use your imagination in your dreams to remember the leaves flying around by the wind by the sunsets at the end of the day all the time.

My name is Nathan Lucas Mallard. The reason why I like to create art is because it made my heart very happy deep inside me and just like my mom, Erin says: "Money doesn't make you happy." That means I have to make others happy without hurting their feelings and I won't be so selfish all the time. With a little imagination, I can make fortune for everyone with trustworthy, responsibility and wisdom. Those words are something for everyone to remember, if you forget those three words, you will never be happy. I am a good person after all.



**Rita Roberts**Christmas Trees in Forest
Acrylic on Canvas, 2024

Rita is an incredibly passionate artist whose work never disappoints! Her artwork, "Christmas Trees in Forest", like so many of her other pieces is an incredible blend of color and texture. She has an incredible eye for layering her paints and creating mesmerizing patterns and textures! Rita's landscape tells the stories of 3 pines growing in the forest waiting for their season to arrive.



**Gamantha Griebel Forest of Birch Trees**Oil Pastels, 2024



*Gara Roberts*Sunrise Over Mountains Acrylic, 2023

Sara is no stranger to the arts and loves spending her time being creative – whether that is on stage, watching movies, doodling, or creating more formal artwork!

Sara's artwork was done in a session where they were using Bob Ross videos as their inspiration. The peaches and pinks depict the sun rising over the dark mountains as a new day is dawning.



Sharla Ratzlaff

Pop of Color Mixed Media, 2024

Sharla is a gifted woman who is very proud to share her artwork with everyone! Art is a therapeutic outreach for her that brings her much joy and peacefulness, especially when creating with others she cares about!

"Color Pop" was created by choosing various strips of previously made artwork and weaving them together to create fun patterns and pops of color throughout the piece!



Sharon Nelson

Red Forest Acrylic, 2024

Sharon is an incredibly talented artist with a passion for expressing herself and her emotions through painting. "Red Forest" is a landscape created with layers and layers of paint, color, and texture. The way the artwork is created allows it to feel alive and pop off the canvas. Behind the glowing red forest, you can see peeks of sun, clouds, and sky.



**Shawna Morman**Gold Capped Mountains

Acrylic, 2024

Shawna is a talented lady who takes pride in working hard at her job, being a great friend, and being a creative person!

"Gold Capped Mountains" was created with inspiration from the work of Terry Redlin after a recent trip to the Terry Redlin Center in Watertown, SD. She was able to witness the way he used light to make his artwork come to life. The gold in her mountains, glowing atop the peaks, is reminiscent of what she experienced from Redlin's artwork.



Shawna Von Aswege
Night Space

Acrylic and Mixed Media, 2024

The Hands of Mushrooms
Acrylic and Mixed Media, 2024

## Stephanie Wolmans

**Egyptian God of Cats** Colored Pencil on Paper

**Night Shade Dragon** Colored Pencil on Paper



**Tana Zwart**A Robin for Company

Digital Photography on Metal, 2022

**Dusk On ChiTown Bay** Digital Photography on Metal, 2023



Therese Ball Mountains Majesty Acrylic on Canvas, 2024

Therese is thrilled to be showcasing her artwork for the very first time at ArtAbility! Her landscape creation depicts the mountains of South Dakota set upon the inky dark sky shown in the variety of blues, purples, and blacks spread in brave broad strokes across her canvas.



Thomas Kosinski

Bullseye Tempura on Paper, 2024

Thomas is excited to participate in his first ever ArtAbility! Whiel looking for inspiration in what to create to share with you, Thomas ran across a photo of a piece done by the artist Vassily Kandinsky and immediately agreed that was the flavor he wanted his art to have. Their last names are similar. . . their tastes must be too! He chose strong colors and bold geometric shapes enrobing each other to create his piece, "Bullseye".



**Tiffany Glenn Splatter Joy**Acrylic and Mixed Media, 2024



**Ty Clifford**Black Magic
Watercolor, 2024

Ty is excited to show off his artwork at this year's Artability. This piece was created using a pour painting technique. The process made him feel free and powerful, like the strong black (and native) young man he is.



Zachary Kahler

Zach's Planet

Acrylic, 2024

Zachary is a gifted young man who has been participating in ArtAbility for many years! He loves joining his family or friends and showing of his talents and enjoying everyone else's artwork, as well!

"Zach's Planet" was created when he was tasked with creating a landscape inspired by his South Dakota upbringing. His artwork is filled with broad strokes of color depicting the bright green grass and trees when in full bloom, the blue lake waters, and the way color can dance across a South Dakota sky. This is Zach's home through his eyes.

## Zach Leiferman

Cityscape Collage

Paper and Glue, 2024

Zach is a student at Roosevelt High School. He is currently in Mrs. Nguyen's art class. Zach likes painting because it calms him down.

#### Zena Monday

In the Desert 2024

Night Sky 2024

# Pssst...Stay tuned!

DAARB is planning a fun, family-friendly ADA Celebration in July!

Details to come!

