Online exhibit and auction allow students to continue showcasing their art from a distance

Comox Valley, B.C. – Talented local students are being recognized for their photography this month at a virtual exhibit as part of the Capture Photography Festival in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Over the last three years, School District 71 secondary students have showcased some of their extraordinary photography at the Flash Forward Incubator Program, an elite arts festival for emerging young artists. This year the final student exhibit is a little different.

The program, which is sponsored by the Magenta Foundation, is devoted to nurturing budding young Canadian youth with photography mentorship opportunities to develop and fuel their passion for photography. In addition, the Magenta provides a platform for youth to express their artistic voices publicly at exhibitions, in print, and online publications.

The past two years have afforded opportunities for participants from the District to travel to the mainland to experience their exhibit. For 2020, instead of an up-close and personal exhibition, our participating students involved in the Magenta project will have their photography work on display and for auction on-line.

G.P. Vanier, Mark R. Isfeld and Highlands students, as well as their photography teachers had all hoped to be physically in attendance to observe the student exhibition It’s a Plastic World in Vancouver over the April 4th weekend; however, given the current measures and limitations in place with COVID-19, their experience has to be a virtual one.

Students’ photography work can be viewed alongside other BC students from now until April 30 at: https://www.32auctions.com/organizations/62253/auctions/78496?t=all

In addition, all proceeds from the auction will be returned to the photography program at the each of the three secondary schools.

G.P. Vanier students include Abby Lundquist, Daniel Martinez, Danielle Egilson, Kenisha Anderson, Desi De Koninck, and Emilie Van Holderbeke. Mark R Isfeld students include Elly Gilmore, Gracie McCrae, Jenna Gill, Merle Behrmdt, and Katie Phillips Highland students include Chantal Morfitt, Jessica Gui and Yenjin Lee.

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Among the images submitted, the photography artwork of G.P. Vanier's Desi De Koninck was selected among a panel of jurors for the Chester Fields student show at The Polygon Gallery in North Vancouver.

Educators who led students through their photography and art studies include Dave Ingram, Lisa Chase and Charity Munro.

Congratulations to the photography programs and participating students. Quite an accomplishment.

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For more information about Flash Forward Incubator, visit [http://www.magentafoundation.org/flash-forward-incubator/](http://www.magentafoundation.org/flash-forward-incubator/)

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Images:
1. Organic Reformation #3 by Daniel Martinez
2. Dragged Down by Danielle Egilson
3. Untitled by Desi de Koninck (Polygon)