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Foster's Beltz earns third Best in Show

For the third straight year, Foster High's Christy Beltz took home top honors at the Lamar CISD Art Show. Her painting, "In Perfect Sync," now goes for judging at the Houston livestock show and rodeo. Kim Henry is Beltz's art teacher at Foster High School.

Also going to the Rodeo are:

- Joseph Macas, a senior at Foster, who took a Gold Medal with his colored drawing, "Morning Glory";
- Jennifer Eaves, a senior at Foster, who earned her second Gold Medal with her colored drawing "Pretty in Pink;"
- Natalie Parsons, a junior at Foster, earned Special Merit with her mixed medium work "Ms. Pickles;"
- Jose Galicia, a senior at Foster, earned his second Special Merit for his colored drawing "Peaceful Companions;"
- Fariha Rashid, a Terry High School senior, earned Special Merit for colored drawing "Morning Sunshine;"
- Annie Morelli, a Foster junior, who earned Special Merit for her colored drawing "Get Your Kicks;"
- Janet Ajasa, a Foster junior, who earned Special Merit for her mixed medium piece "Of Plaid and Horses;" and
- Kelsei Wright, a Foster junior, who earned Special Merit for her monochromatic drawing "I'm Ready For My Close Up."

All the Foster High School students are taught by Kim Henry. Joan Batts is Fariha Rashid's art teacher at Terry High School.

The works by these students will be judged at the rodeo and could possibly advance to the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Art Auction. Because Beltz was in the 2010 Auction (her painting brought \$190,000), she is not eligible to participate again. She won Best of Show that year. Beltz's work will, however, be part of the judging contest.

Reading Junior High 8th-grader Alessandra Jara won Best of Show in the Junior High Division with her colored pencil drawing "A Lifelong Friend." Reading 8th-grader Lauren Millard won the Gold Medal for her colored pencil drawing "A Kind Friend." Monica Arratia is the art

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teacher for both students.

In the Elementary Division, Hutchison Elementary 5th-grader Christina Zhang won her second Best of Show with her colored pencil drawing "Rodeo Memories." Karen Downey is the art teacher at Hutchison. Meyer Elementary 2nd-grader Jolie Peloquin was the Gold Medalist for the Elementary Division, with her painting "A Sunday Rodeo Afternoon." Judy Fang is her art teacher at Meyer.

The works by the junior high and elementary students will not be judged at the Rodeo, but will be featured in the Hayloft Gallery during the Rodeo's run.

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Front row: Lauren Millard, Alessandra Jara, Christy Beltz, Christina Zhang, Jolie Peloquin
Second row: Fariha Rashid, Annie Morelli, Lamar CISD Superintendent Dr. Thomas Randle, Janet Ajasa, Jose Galicia, Kelsei Wright, Lamar CISD Director of Fine Arts Ram Estrada, Jennifer Eaves, Natalie Parsons.