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*Art exhibition to motivate young artists,
expose them to a professional milieu*

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CALMAR, Alberta - The Zyp Art Gallery is thrilled to exhibit the winning artworks from the 10th Annual *Aspiring Young Artists* competition.

This year about eight school divisions from Leduc and the surrounding areas participated in the competition organized by the Leduc Art Club.

From August 16, 2021, the award-winning pieces will be showcased at the Zyp Art Gallery, available for viewing in person and online (<https://zypgallery.ca/>).

This is the third year that the gallery will exhibit the competition winners' work, giving them an opportunity to showcase their art in a professional environment. The winning entries were selected from 134 pieces submitted by students in grades 10, 11 and 12.

The Young Artists Competition was started in 2013 by Leduc Art Club members Doreen Pynch, Ingrid Shields, and the late Gail Froland. Every year, the Leduc Art Club contacts schools to make sure as many students as possible are able to participate.

In 2019, the Club approached Zyp Art Gallery to provide the opportunity for the contest winners to exhibit their work in the gallery. The students were able to see their artwork in a professional space and gain valuable experience of the professional art world.

Despite the uncertainty of the past two years caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, these talented high school students continued to create art. The winners of this year's competition have persisted through these challenging times, and we are proud to present their work.



About the Gallery: The Zyp Art Gallery is named after Hank and Tillie Zyp, in honour of their role in Dr. Nhung Tran-Davies life. The Zyp Art Gallery is a non-profit gallery space that offers a home to local artists and develops exhibitions that generates dialogue and inspires understanding about social issues, locally and around the world.

The gallery has been a long-time passion project for Nhung. She is a physician, children's book author, and advocate for social justice through education. Her family came to Canada as refugees in 1979, post Vietnam war. Since Zyp Art Gallery's inception in 2018, the gallery has held 13 exhibitions with artworks from local artists, community groups, and school children. Zyp Art Gallery even has on display an original Alex Janvier- Alberta Indigenous artist whose masterpieces includes Rogers Place's floor mural Tsa Tsa Ke K'e (Iron Foot Place) and the Morning Star - Gambeh Then' which adorns the dome within the Canadian Museum of History in Gatineau.

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