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**DISTRICT-WIDE K-12 STUDENT ART EXHIBITION SHOWING**  
**AT THE EISEMANN CENTER'S GREEN MEZZANINE GALLERY**  
**FEBRUARY 1 THROUGH FEBRUARY 26, 2012**

**RICHARDSON, TX** – Made possible in part by a grant from the Texas Commission on the Arts awarded to the *Eisemann Educates* program, The Richardson Independent School District is having a district-wide K-12 Student Art Exhibition at the Eisemann Center's Green Mezzanine-Gallery. The exhibit will run from February 1, 2012 through February 26, 2012.

Created by the Eisemann Center's *Eisemann Educates* program, in line with the vision of the educational directive of the Arts Respond grant, this new opportunity allows students' enthusiasm and motivation for art to be further explored and enhanced. Myron Stennett, Director of Visual Arts K-12 for the RISD, developed the criteria for this event to allow all students K-12 who attend school in the RISD the opportunity to create and submit a piece of art. Through challenging curricular art activities that are aligned with the standards outlined in the Art Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills and the school's art curriculum, students are provided a venue to showcase their skills as well as their understanding of process and creative development, which supports the goals and skill level of all students.

There will be a meet-the-artist reception for the District-wide K-12 Student Art Exhibit on Tuesday, February 7, 2012 from 5 pm – 6:30 pm at the Eisemann Center's Green Mezzanine-Gallery. The public is invited to attend to enjoy the show and meet all of the students whose art is on display.

In addition to the student exhibit, two field trips during the school day will allow approximately 200 RISD third graders to travel to the Eisemann Center during the first week of February. These field trips will allow students to see art created by their peers displayed in a formal gallery space. The students will also participate in behind-the-scenes tours of the Eisemann Center where they will learn about the history and architecture of the building, the venues and requirements to host a production as well as the different jobs related to the operations of a performing arts center. Paired with the exhibit, the field trips complete an arts-focused educational initiative supported by the grant from the TCA and the *Eisemann Educates* program.

Gallery hours are 10:00 am – 6:00 pm Monday through Saturday and during all public events. The exhibit is free and open to the public. The Charles W. Eisemann Center is located at 2351 Performance Drive, Richardson, Texas 75082 in the Galatyn Park Urban Center adjacent to the Galatyn Park DART rail station. For more information on exhibits and events, visit the website at [www.eisemanncenter.com](http://www.eisemanncenter.com).

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