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## **COTTONWOOD ART FESTIVAL EMERGING ARTISTS on exhibit in the Green Mezzanine-Gallery March 29-April 23, 2023**

**RICHARDSON, TX** – The work of young student artists is coming to the Charles W. Eisemann Center for Performing Arts at 2351 Performance Drive, Richardson, TX 75082. The *Cottonwood Art Festival's Emerging Artists* installation will be on exhibit from March 29-April 23, 2023, in the Eisemann Center's Forrest & Virginia Green Mezzanine Gallery. Combining arts and education, the Emerging Artist program was created to recognize the talent of young local artists and to offer them the prospect of being a part of an international award-winning fine art festival. By being accepted into the program, visual art students have the privilege of displaying their work at the Charles W. Eisemann Center during the month of April and the rare and maybe first opportunity of selling their work, alongside Cottonwood's slate of professional and renowned artists. The knowledge they receive from this experience is invaluable and is a respectable introduction to a career in art.

Now in its 20th year, the program is an innovative and resourceful opportunity that mentors students in the art world. Students are encouraged to express themselves artistically and learn the process of exhibiting. The uniqueness of *Cottonwood Art Festival's Emerging Artists* program is that it is only available to senior high school art students. Interested students are required to develop an art concept, an artist statement and produce images of their work. Their work in total is submitted to their teacher for review and then sent in for jury to the **Cottonwood Art Festival**.

[Neighborhood Credit Union](#) sponsors this outreach program; it is through their generosity that students are afforded an opportunity to exhibit not only at the Eisemann Center and sell their work at the **Cottonwood Art Festival**, but they are also given placement awards along with scholarship money towards their post-secondary education.

For additional information on the *Emerging Artist Program*, email [cottonwood@cor.gov](mailto:cottonwood@cor.gov).

The 54th semi-annual **Cottonwood Art Festival** will take place May 6-7 at Cottonwood Park in Richardson, TX. The Festival has chosen Karina Llegro as the featured artist for the May show. A native of Mexico City, Karina enjoyed a highly successful corporate career as art director for Mexico City's top newspaper "Reforma" and at illustrious advertising agency, McCann Erickson. Among the many campaigns she helped create, some of her most memorable were for clients such as Coca-Cola, Revlon and Kimberly Clark. Throughout her professional life, Karina painted and worked tirelessly to develop her unique style. The 2023 Spring Festival is open Sat, May 6 from 10 am until 7 pm and Sun, May 7 from 10 am until 5 pm and admission is free.

Gallery hours are 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm Monday through Friday 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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