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### **16<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CHILDREN'S ARTS FESTIVAL AT THE ARTS COUNCIL**

**CAPE GIRARDEAU, MO**—Friday, February 5th, from 4 to 8 p.m., the Southeast Missouri Arts Council invites you to attend a reception for the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Children's Arts Festival. This much-loved exhibit, which features visual art pieces and poetry by children from 23 regional schools, will be on display until February 27th.

Introduced in the year 2000, the Children's Arts Festival was developed as a way to showcase what local arts teachers, and their students, are doing in their classrooms.

The show is juried, and the top 8 entries in each age group, from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade, are featured in a booklet distributed at the event. The student poetry section will also be continued in the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Children's Arts Festival. Students were prompted to write a poem about what they would be, in their wildest imaginations. One winner will be selected from each grade level for this category as well.

Cookies will be provided for guests, courtesy of Chick-Fil-A, and juice boxes will be available, thanks to McDonalds.

Thank you to the local sponsors of this event: Sam's Club Foundation, Walmart, Southeast Health, Cape Radiology Group, Alliance Bank, Horst Pharmacy, and Wood and Huston Bank.

Join other arts patrons and supporters in viewing the 2016 Children's Arts Festival at the Arts Council of Southeast Missouri, located at 32 North Main Street in Cape Girardeau, MO. The gallery is also open Tuesday- Saturday, from 10am to 4pm.