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## THE CHINESE AMERICAN MUSEUM AND THE CHINESE AMERICAN CITIZENS ALLIANCE TO LAUNCH A NATION-WIDE ART COMPETITION

LOS ANGELES (October 17, 2006) --The Chinese American Museum (CAM) in partnership with the Chinese American Citizens Alliance (CACA) is pleased to launch a **National Art Competition** on **November 5, 2006** for students in grades one through twelve. Themed, "*Growing Up Chinese American*," the competition will promote a better understanding of cultural diversity and improve racial harmony among the many diverse groups in the United States as well as educate students on the cultural heritage and the contributions of Chinese Americans.

This will be the first national art competition organized by CAM and the second for CACA. In 1995, CACA commemorated the organization's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary by holding its first and only art contest. Now almost twelve years later, these vibrant images are brought together again in *Celebrate! Chinese Holidays Through the Eyes of Children*, one of three new exhibitions opening at the Chinese American Museum on November 5, 2006. The children's images featured in this exhibit, all of which garnered awards and special mention in the contest, celebrate Chinese tradition and the diversity of American culture as seen from a young person's point-of-view.

Focusing on the theme "*Growing Up Chinese American*," this year's CACA/CAM National Art Competition will encourage students of all backgrounds to draw from their own observations and subjectively express through art, what it means to grow up Chinese American. Such an opportunity allows the student-artist, who may or may not be of Chinese descent, to become aware and creatively interpret from personal perspectives, some of the diverse experiences a typical Chinese American youth may encounter as a child growing up in America today, and how those distinct experiences can differ or reflect the artist's own unique childhood experiences. The contest will culminate next year on March 9, 2007 at 5pm local time and the winning entries will be announced on a to-be-determined date in May 2007.

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Founded in 1895, the Chinese American Citizens Alliance is a non-profit, national organization whose mission is to advocate for the rights and promote the well-being of the Chinese American community. CACA currently has 15 Lodges across the nation, with headquarters in San Francisco.

The Friends of the Chinese American Museum is a 501(c)(3) charitable, non-profit corporation serving as the support group, advisor and community link for the Museum. CAM 's mission is to foster a deeper understanding and appreciation of America 's diverse heritage by researching, preserving, and sharing the history, rich cultural legacy, and continuing contributions of Chinese Americans. CAM is located in downtown Los Angeles at El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument, the birthplace of Los Angeles as well as the site of the city's original Chinatown.

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## CONTEST RULES & INFORMATION

**START:** November 5, 2006

**END:** March 9, 2007, 5pm local time

**THEME:** "Growing Up Chinese American"

Students of all backgrounds in grades one through twelve are encouraged to participate. Acceptable artwork should depict any of the following:

- Festivals and Celebrations
- Family Vacations
- Rituals (funerals, ancestral worship, etc.)
- School Experiences (Chinese, American, art, friendships, etc.)
- Family Ties and Immigration
- Religious Experiences (church, going to temple, etc.)

### RULES

The Art Competition is open to any school-attending students from grades one to twelve. Entries will be grouped by grade levels into four groups:

Division 1: Grades 1 to 3

Division 2: Grades 4 to 6

Division 3: Grades 7 to 9

Division 4: Grades 10 to 12

All entries must be original freehand drawings by the student only. Any media can be used e.g., oil, watercolors, acrylic, crayon, pencil, etc. The size of the artwork must be 18"H x 24"W and the artwork must be two-dimensional. The artwork may not contain copyrighted characters such as Winnie the Pooh, Pokemon, etc., or the right of any third party. The work may not violate any U.S. copyright laws. The official entry form (or copy) must accompany each entry. The entries must have the name and address of the student written on the back of the artwork. Only one entry per student is allowed. Upon receipt of entry, the CACA owns the entries and has rights to use of the entries. Entries will not be returned.

### WINNING ENTRIES

First, second, and third place winners from each Division will be selected. In addition, two Grand Awards will be chosen from all entries. The winning entries and some finalists will be exhibited in Los Angeles, San Francisco, and other regional locations where CACA Lodges are located. Winners will receive certificates and scholarship awards. Finalists will receive Certificates of Recognition. The winning entries will be announced in May 2007 and awards ceremonies may take place at local Lodges and in June 2007 in Southern California for those who are able to attend.

### Scholarship Awards:

Grand Awards (two)	\$500
First Place (four)	\$300
Second Place (four)	\$200
Third Place (four)	\$100

## **SUBMITTING ENTRIES IN PERSON**

Participants can drop off their entries at the Chinese American Museum during normal business hours, Tuesday – Sunday, 10am – 3pm. The museum is located in downtown Los Angeles, across from Union Station at the El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Plaza, 425 North Los Angeles Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

## **SUBMITTING ENTRIES VIA MAIL**

Participants can mail in their entries to the Chinese American Museum. Please label your envelope with the following information:

*ATTN: ART CONTEST  
Chinese American Museum  
125 Paseo de la Plaza, #400  
Los Angeles, CA 90012*

All entries **MUST** be received by March 9, 2007, 5pm local time.

## **ENTRY FORMS**

Please visit [www.camla.org](http://www.camla.org) and click on “National Art Contest” to download entry form.

## **CONTACT**

For contest inquiries, please contact the Museum Educator at [educator@camla.org](mailto:educator@camla.org) or call (213) 473-5306.

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