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### **Hellgate's Finest Fine Art 2016**

**March 29 - May 26, 2016**

Missoula, MT / December 10, 2015 / Missoula Art Museum (MAM) / This year's high school art exhibit is focused on the creative outpouring of Hellgate High School's art students. Students represented will be from all grade levels. Hellgate is lucky to have four superb art teachers to inspire their students: Marvin Pauls, Jeffrey Brown, Tim Nielson, and Hellgate's recent addition, Amy York. Ms. York has this to say about the Hellgate exhibition:

"In choosing work for Hellgate's Finest Fine Art exhibit, I will look primarily for originality in both content and handling of the media. Young people today are bombarded with visual stimuli—arguably more than any other previous generation. Like all artists, the young draw inspiration from the things they see and experience. Moreover, they are able to creatively incorporate the things that inspire them and mesh inspiration with their own experiences and abilities. What results is truly unique art. This collection of Hellgate students' artwork represents the students who have successfully mastered this skill in their work."

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