

Civic Theatre hosts art exhibit by young Allentown students

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23, the Civic Theatre of Allentown hosted a reception for students and teachers who are associated with the Allentown School District's Young Artist Exhibition, which is currently at Civic's Theatre514.

For more than 80 years, the Civic Theatre of Allentown has been a non-for-profit community arts center which provides Lehigh Valley audiences with superior yet affordable theatrical performances along with providing technical and creative opportunities for local artists. It also has the region's only full-time art cinema which screens foreign, independent, and documentary films.

This exhibit was made possible by the Challenged 150 grant awarded to the Civic Theatre of Allentown by the Allentown Rescue Mission. The grant was given so that the theatre would be able to pay for paint, painting supplies, and picture-hanging rails, allowing for the renovation of their lobby. This enabled the location to be used as a gallery space to exhibit local and young artists from Allentown.



ASD student Eric Valenzuela with his artwork and teacher Cindy Gunn.

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ASD art teachers Jen Miller, Cindy Gunn, and Susan Ford.

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Allentown School District (ASD) art teachers were grateful for the newly-upgraded space and found it a wonderful place to hold a mini-art exhibit which showcased the art of the elementary school students. Since they installed their exhibit in the lobby on Feb. 12, approximately 750 people have viewed it, most of whom are patrons of Civic Films or 514Works projects.

Those in attendance at the reception included Allentown Rescue Mission Executive Director Gary Millspaugh, Civic Managing Director Arlene Daily, Civic Board of Directors President Sharon Glassman of the College's Education Department, and Allentown School District Arts Curriculum

Coordinator Renee Lorenzetti, along with Allentown School District art teachers Jen Miller, Cindy Gunn, Susan Ford, Kim Burke, Jonathan Narmita, Trisha Samuel and Donna Puchyr. Allentown School District students and exhibit artists in attendance were Michael Rodriguez and Eric Valenzuela.