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**MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY OPENS YOUTH ARTIST SUBMISSIONS
EARLY IN PREPARATION FOR THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF
*BLACK CREATIVITY JURIED ART EXHIBITION***

African-American youth artists can submit their work now for the opportunity to be featured in the nation's longest-running exhibition of African-American art

CHICAGO (May 20, 2019) – Emerging youth artists are now invited to submit their work year-round to the historic *Black Creativity Juried Art Exhibition* at the Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago (MSI). The submission process will allow students to submit their artwork on a rolling basis as they complete school work.

African-American artists who are age 18 or younger, or who are enrolled in grades 9-11 or the equivalent, for the 2018-19 school year may submit up to four works for consideration in the 2020 *Black Creativity Juried Art Exhibition*. [Early submissions to the Black Creativity Juried Art Exhibition are due July 31, 2019.](#)

Works created in any visual medium are accepted, including: architecture and design, ceramics, digital art, drawing, mixed media, painting, photography and video, print media, sculpture and textiles. A panel of jurors review and select the artwork to be exhibited and awards the prizes.

All artists whose work is featured in the 2020 *Black Creativity Juried Art Exhibition* will receive a certificate of recognition. The winners will receive cash prizes of \$500 for first place, \$300 for second place and \$200 for third place. Additionally, one student artist will be selected to receive a summer scholarship to the School of the Art Institute of Chicago's Early College Program Summer Institute.

The 2019 Youth Category was the largest in its seven-year history. The Youth Category opened in 2012 to encourage African-American students to get involved in creative expression from an early age, to have a platform for their hard work to be recognized and to provide access to the arts through the Museum of Science and Industry's staple recurring exhibition.

The Museum of Science and Industry has been host to the nation's longest-running exhibition of African-American art since 1970. This annual show presents over 100 works of art from emerging and professional African-American artists every year.

"Black Creativity provides hands-on ways for kids to learn about African-American achievements in science, technology, engineering, art and medicine, and encourages guests to invent and create for themselves," said MSI President and CEO David Mosena. "We hope that every child we reach every year can see themselves as active participants in these fields."

The 50th anniversary of the *Black Creativity Juried Art Exhibition* opens January 13, 2020.

About MSI

The Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago (MSI), one of the largest science museums in the world, offers world-class and uniquely interactive experiences that inspire inventive genius and foster curiosity. From groundbreaking and award-winning exhibits that can't be found anywhere else, to hands-on opportunities that make you the scientist—a visit to MSI is where fun and learning mix. Through its Welcome to Science Initiative, the Museum offers a variety of student, teacher and family programs that make a difference in communities and contribute to MSI's larger vision: to inspire and motivate children to achieve their full potential in science, technology, medicine and engineering.

Come visit and find your inspiration! MSI is open 9:30–4 p.m. every day except Thanksgiving and Christmas Day. Extended hours, until 5:30 p.m., are offered during peak periods. The Museum is grateful for the support of its donors and guests, who make its work possible. MSI is also supported in part by the people of Chicago through the Chicago Park District. For more information, visit msichicago.org or call (773) 684-1414.

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