

***Winner will be announced in the coming weeks***

Rochester, MN – Today, Congressman Tim Walz announced art pieces submitted by students for the 2012 Congressional Art Competition will be on display at the Rochester Arts Center starting Wednesday.

The art will be on display from Wednesday, April 25 to Sunday, May 6. During that time, judges from the Rochester community will stop by to review the submissions and Congressman Walz's office will announce the winner the week of May 7th.

The winning submission from Minnesota's First Congressional District will hang in the hallways of the United States Capitol for the next year. The second and third place submissions will hang in Congressman Walz's district offices in Rochester and Mankato.

"As a high school teacher, it's an honor to participate in a program that emphasizes the creativity of our youth," Walz said. "This is a great opportunity for Southern Minnesota to showcase some of our native talent on a national stage."

Members of the public are invited to view the submissions and can find hours for the Rochester Arts Center [here](#).

The Congressional Art Competition began in 1982 to provide an opportunity for members of Congress to encourage and recognize the artistic talents of their young constituents. Since then, over 650,000 high school students have been involved with the nation-wide competition.

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