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#### YOUTH ART EXHIBIT OPENS MARCH 1

BERKELEY SPRINGS, WV--The Morgan Arts Council and Morgan County schools celebrate National Youth Art Month with their annual exhibit of artwork created by local youth, showing at the Ice House in Berkeley Springs.

The opening extravaganza on Friday, March 1, features musical and dance performances as well as hundreds of pieces of visual art. The Youth Art exhibit fills the Ice House with two- and three-dimensional works made by students in every Morgan County school and local homeschoolers. Hiroko Rubin is the curator.

Refreshments will be served at the opening reception, which begins at 7 p.m.; the performances start at 7:15 p.m.

The extravaganza, emceed by Leslie Devine- Milbourne of Wind Dance Farm and Earth Education Center, will feature entertainment by students of Erin Belcher from Berkeley Springs High School Show Choir, a creative movement demonstration led by students of Lynn Swanson, as well as a ballet performance by one of Lynn Swanson's students. Also featured are ukulele students from Black Cat Music Studio and piano students of Pat Springer.

Hiroko Rubin commented, "I am thrilled to present art by the children of Morgan County and showcase their unique talents."

Visual art teachers will be recognized for their help in organizing the students' artwork. The teachers' participation is essential and deeply appreciated.

"It's amazing to see what kids come up with every year," says Thom Rubel, MAC Executive Director. "Though it's not always obvious, the creative process involves most of the basic skills they learn every day, and those show up in their art. MAC is proud to be a partner in youth art programs in and out of our schools for over 40 years. We encourage everyone to come and see for themselves."

The Youth Art Show may be seen every Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., through March 31.

Grant support for these programs comes in part from individual donors, the National Endowment for the Arts, the West Virginia Commission on the Arts and local hotel/motel taxes, Clay Center, Eastern WV Community Foundation, and the Tom & Virginia Seely Foundation. The Ice House is at the corner of Independence and Mercer Streets in downtown Berkeley Springs, WV. For more information on this and other MAC activities, call 304-258-2300 or visit [www.macicehouse.org](http://www.macicehouse.org).