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TEAM OF REVIEWERS

VISUAL ART: Greg and Susie Brantman

Greg and Susie Brantman met at Fort Hays State University where Susie earned a BA in Painting, Ceramics and Teaching and Greg received an MA after obtaining a Bachelor of Science degree in Art Education at Northwest Missouri State. Susie received her Master's degree from KU. Both went on to teach art in the Shawnee Mission School District – Greg for 39 years, retiring from SM North High School, and Susie for 18 years, then spending 27 years at Hallmark Cards as an Art Director and Design Manager. Both Greg and Susie are practicing artists, and Greg has won several awards and recognitions over the years, including SMSD's Master Teacher.

LITERATURE: Connie Strand & Lois Hunt

Connie Strand is retired from a long career as an editorial director at Hallmark Cards and before that was a newspaper reporter. She has a degree in journalism from Kansas State University, and is also a proud product of the Shawnee Mission School District. Lois Hunt spent her entire career working for Hallmark Cards. Before her retirement she was Creative Director working with editors, writers and members of the design community. She attended Truman State.

MUSIC COMPOSITION: Ryan Main

Ryan holds Masters of Music in Music Composition and Music Education from the Peabody Institute at Johns Hopkins University and a Bachelor of Music in Music Composition from the UMKC's Conservatory of Music. An award winning composer, his compositions are performed internationally and frequently featured at conferences, festivals, Carnegie Hall, and other events around the world. Ryan is passionate about quality music education for all. He founded and serves as artistic and executive director of the Youth Chorus of Kansas City, a non-profit organization serving youth of all socio-economic and cultural backgrounds throughout the Kansas City metro area.

DANCE CHOREOGRAPHY: Liz Kelley-Hansen

Liz found her passion for dance in her teens and has spent her life as a singer/dancer, dance instructor, and studio owner. At a young age, she travelled to California and began an illustrious career in the entertainment business, including performing as a Golddigger on the Dean Martin Show and touring with the Bob Hope USO tour to entertain military troops. She later returned to KC and founded her own studio, Dance Studio I, running from 1984-2018, passing on her knowledge & passion to countless aspiring young dancers.

FILM PRODUCTION: Dr. Dotty Hamilton

Dr. Dotty Hamilton is Professor Emeritus at Avila University, where she taught film and digital media for over 25 years. She earned a PhD in Film from KU and was a Visiting Professor at the University of Pecs in Hungary. She served on the Board of the Kansas International Film Festival, and served as a judge for a variety of film festivals. She has made numerous presentations at cinema conferences, published several book chapters on film, and guest lectured on film at Ottawa University, UMKC, and KU. She won several state awards for her documentary on Florida water problems, and produced environmental documentaries for the Florida Wildlife Foundation.

PHOTOGRAPHY: Mark McDonald

Mark McDonald holds a degree in Photojournalism from the University of Kansas. As a longtime independent commercial photographer, Mark has provided professional images for numerous Kansas City businesses, magazines, and philanthropic organizations. With 40 years of experience in both journalistic-style and studio photography, his work is widely known throughout KC business community. As a former SMSD dad, he is a strong supporter of arts education and Reflections.

DANCE CHOREOGRAPHY

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE:

Stella Erpelding, primary, Westwood View Elementary
Maxwell Deane, intermediate, Trailwood Elementary
Kira Wagner, high school, Shawnee Mission West

AWARD OF MERIT:

Ellie Hagan, intermediate, Prairie Elementary

HONORABLE MENTION:

Lilly Allison, intermediate, Tomahawk Elementary

AWARD OF PARTICIPATION:

Emma Fenison, intermediate, Overland Park Elementary
Meredith Glasrud, intermediate, Christa McAuliffe Elementary

FILM PRODUCTION

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE:

Olivia Martin, intermediate, Prairie Elementary
Daniel Bush, middle school, Sunflower Elementary
Olivia Garza, high school, Shawnee Mission South

AWARD OF MERIT:

Lennon George, intermediate, Merriam Park Elementary
Arlo Good, middle school, Indian Woods Middle School

HONORABLE MENTION:

Lauryn E. Plowden, intermediate, East Antioch Elementary

LITERATURE

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE:

Matilda McInerney, primary, Brookwood Elementary

Colin Graves, intermediate, Merriam Park Elementary

Gabriella Coppage, middle school, Indian Woods Middle School

Victoria Olberding, high school, Shawnee Mission South

AWARD OF MERIT:

Campbell Rigsby, intermediate, Prairie Elementary

Diya Thomas, middle school, Highlands Elementary

Nathan Mestel, high school, Shawnee Mission West

HONORABLE MENTION:

Guneet Kaur, intermediate, Mill Creek Elementary

Meredith Wacha, middle school, Indian Hills Middle School

AWARD OF PARTICIPATION:

Gannon Jones, intermediate, Overland Park Elementary

Vivian Larson, intermediate, Christa McAuliffe Elementary

Madeline McInerney, intermediate, Brookwood Elementary

Ava Reed, intermediate, Trailwood Elementary

Katie Barnes, middle school, Christa McAuliffe Elementary

Darius Bean, middle school, Westridge Middle School

Madeline Kennedy, middle school, Rhein Benninghoven Elementary

Emery McGee, middle school, Prairie Elementary

Samaya Najera, middle school, Roesland Elementary

PHOTOGRAPHY

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE:

Arthur Dayani, primary, Belinder Elementary

Nixon Katzenmeier, intermediate, Christa McAuliffe Elementary

Annabelle Ogle, middle school, Mill Creek Elementary

Graham Rigsby, high school, Shawnee Mission East

AWARD OF MERIT:

Cruz Torres-Sosa, primary, Tomahawk Elementary

Campbell Rigsby, intermediate, Prairie Elementary

Charlotte Clough, middle school, Christa McAuliffe Elementary

Elizabeth Barnes, high school, Shawnee Mission West

HONORABLE MENTION:

Sebastian Hood, primary, Prairie Elementary

Emma Perkins, primary, Mill Creek Elementary

Nora Davey, intermediate, Westwood View Elementary

Theo Dayani, intermediate, Belinder Elementary

Darius Bean, middle school, Westridge Middle School

Mia Clark, middle school, Indian Woods Middle School

Bryce Bean, high school, Shawnee Mission West

AWARD OF PARTICIPATION:

Norah Peterson, intermediate, Trailwood Elementary

Ava Schifman, intermediate, Highlands Elementary

Hattie Stenger, intermediate, Briarwood Elementary

Noah Granade, high school, Shawnee Mission South

MUSIC COMPOSITION

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE:

Raegan Fitzpatrick, primary, Christa McAuliffe Elementary
Jiya Bhavsar, intermediate, Briarwood Elementary
Zachary Foss, high school, Shawnee Mission South

AWARD OF MERIT:

Emil Wetzel, intermediate, Westwood View Elementary
Gentry Fox, high school, Shawnee Mission Northwest

HONORABLE MENTION:

Desmond Zybko, intermediate, Christa McAuliffe Elementary
Ishya Bhavsar, high school, Shawnee Mission East

VISUAL ARTS

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE:

Brooks Major, primary, Rhein Benninghoven Elementary
Nixon Katzenmeier, intermediate, Christa McAuliffe Elementary
Carmen Carroll, middle school, Indian Hills Middle School
Reese DiSalvo, high school, Shawnee Mission South
Gwen Gafford, special artist, Briarwood Elementary

AWARD OF MERIT:

Naomi Blackburn, primary, Roesland Elementary
Shiv Patel, intermediate, Rhein Benninghoven Elementary
Phoebe Yu, middle school, Brookwood Elementary
Phoebe Karrer, special artist, Prairie Elementary

VISUAL ARTS

HONORABLE MENTION:

Porter Wells, primary, Westwood View Elementary

Lucy Holman, intermediate, Westwood View Elementary

Sofia Martinez-Ramirez, intermediate, East Antioch Elementary

Olivia Staab, intermediate, Lenexa Hills Elementary

Madison Wilson, intermediate, Brookwood Elementary

Liam Davey, middle school, Westwood View Elementary

AWARD OF PARTICIPATION:

Clint Beach, primary, East Antioch Elementary

Ruby Hauser, primary, Overland Park Elementary

Emmaline Martin, primary, Prairie Elementary

Henry Wann, primary, Tomahawk Elementary

Olivia Zybko, primary, Christa McAuliffe Elementary

Rosalie Helen Casillas, intermediate, Overland Park Elementary

Olivia Crockett, intermediate, Roesland Elementary

Fiona Francis, intermediate, Sunflower Elementary

Kate Harrelson, intermediate Briarwood Elementary

Cyrus Hertenberg, intermediate, Prairie Elementary

Emelia Joblin, intermediate, Belinder Elementary

Matilda McInerney, intermediate, Brookwood Elementary

Summer Persson, intermediate, Merriam Park Elementary

Eva Pfannenstiel Rodriguez, intermediate, Mill Creek Elementary

Henry Rieper, intermediate, Belinder Elementary

Eva Werly, intermediate, Belinder Elementary

Sarah Brown, middle school, Tomahawk Elementary

Ryker Trostle, middle school, Overland Park Elementary

THANK YOU

*to our fantastic Reflections School Chairs...
you give our kids this opportunity to shine!*

Lori Stanziola and Becky Richmond, SMAC PTA Reflections Co-Chairs



Katie Dayani, Belinder

Angie DalBello, Briarwood

Tiffany Inghram, Brookwood

Kristin Barnes, Christa McAuliffe



Melissa Kochen, East Antioch

Allyson Carr, Highlands

Allyson Carr, Indian Hills MS

Amy Griffin, Indian Woods MS



Mallory Bounds, Lenexa Hills

Armida Orozco-Dekker, Merriam Park

Becca Gregory, Mill Creek



Megan Zinn-Sanchez, Overland Park

Angela Rigsby, Prairie

Jenny O'Leary, Rhein Benninghoven

Dee Wright, SM East



Jennifer Olberding, SM South

Kristin Barnes, SM West

Jessica Kessinger, Sunflower



Ashley Wann, Tomahawk

Rebecca Keunan, Trailwood

Elizabeth Newkirk, Westwood View