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**Texas Wesleyan University's Department of Art to host  
high school invitational**

FORT WORTH, Jan. 12 –Texas Wesleyan University's Department of Art will host the 2004 High School Invitational, an exhibition dedicated to presenting new visual art by talented juniors and seniors within the Metroplex, on Jan. 12-Feb. 10. The Wesleyan art department hopes to educate and expand contemporary visual art audiences by encouraging the artistic development of high school students. The exhibition and opening reception will be held at Gallery 1 in the Fort Worth Community Arts Center, 1300 Gendy Street. The opening reception is scheduled for Jan. 23, 4:30-6:30 p.m. with a gallery talk presented by Wesleyan art professors Peter Colley, Terri Cummings and Kit Hall at 5:30 p.m. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday 12-5 p.m.

“This is the first time we’ve done this exhibition in 15 years or so. It is something we want to do on a regular basis with various high schools. This particular exhibition showcases the high schools where the members of the art educators’ advisory board teach,” says Kit Hall, associate professor of art at Wesleyan.

The Texas Wesleyan University art educators’ advisory board is made up of Wesleyan

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art department faculty and high school art instructors whose students continually demonstrate the most promising talent at the high school art shows. Members of the Wesleyan art department frequently judge the shows. The board is a collaborative effort between the University and Metroplex high schools to connect with one another and learn from each other and is viewed as a vital step in educating and expanding visual art audiences. Currently serving on the advisory board are: Eddie Brown of Birdville High School, Peter Colley of Texas Wesleyan University, Terri Cummings of Texas Wesleyan University, Kathy Cuning of Weatherford High School, Barbara Hagle of South Grand Prairie High School, Kit Hall of Texas Wesleyan University, David Hernandez of North Side High School, Kim Lovelace-Cox of Mansfield High School and Dolores Tompkins of Booker T. Washington High School for the Visual and Performing Arts.

The following high schools have been invited to participate in the exhibition: Birdville, Booker T. Washington, North Side, South Grand Prairie, Mansfield and Weatherford.

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