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**Texas Wesleyan and Boys and Girls Club
to showcase children's masterpieces**

FORT WORTH, March 19 – The front of one's refrigerator may be the venue of choice to display children's art, but Texas Wesleyan faculty and staff have an even better place to showcase their children's creative masterpieces: the Fifth Annual Texas Wesleyan Children's Art Exhibition.

The Children's Art Exhibition will be on display April 14-24 in the East Room Gallery of the West Library at 1201 Wesleyan St. The public is invited to an opening reception featuring a gallery talk by the children on Wednesday, April 16, from 5-6 p.m.

The exhibit also will include the unveiling of the "Be Seated Project," which is funded by a neighborhood arts grant from the Arts Council of Fort Worth. After acquiring five church pews from the renovation of the Polytechnic Baptist Church into the Sone Fine Arts Center, the Wesleyan Department of Art teamed its majors with children of the Boys and Girls Club to turn benches into art. The pews were transformed into Vincent Van Gogh, Op Art, Jackson Pollock, Jacob Laurence and Michelangelo benches. One bench was sold in a recent Boys and Girls Club

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fundraising auction. The remaining four benches will be for sale, with all proceeds to fund future art-based projects of the Wesleyan Department of Art with the Martin Boys and Girls Club.

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