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Celebrating Diversity & Fair Housing Month through Art and Film

FLAGSTAFF, AZ – In collaboration with Creative Flagstaff, Downtown Business Alliance, and The Northern Arizona Association of REALTORS® Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion Committee, artwork from youth artists will be displayed as a part of the Flagstaff Mountain Film Festival, April 13-16, 2023.

The festival highlights a collection of some of the most inspiring and thought-provoking social, environmental, outdoor-adventure, and indigenous films from around the world. For the past 20 years, outdoor and film enthusiasts have enjoyed this weekend of cultural immersion while soaking up the breathtaking beauty of Northern Arizona.

During the 21st annual Flagstaff Mountain Film Festival, finalists from the “Through My Eyes” youth art contest will have their art displayed at The HeArt Box during gallery hours 12-6pm April 13-15 and 10am-4pm April 16. The contest prompted students, kindergarten through 12th grade, to respond to the theme by representing diversity in their community.

Partner agencies are excited to shine a light on youth artists and their unique personal perspectives in celebration of Diversity & Fair Housing Month. Support the creative works and voices of our community by joining them for the Youth Art Panel at The HeArt Box on Sunday, April 16, from 10:00am - 11:00am.

View finalist artwork online at artwalkflg.org/through-my-eyes-contest.



Matthew Broadbent: “They all share the same heart.”



Avery Frost: “My painting shows an eye split into five different races with phrases cut out of magazines that help support the painting.”

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About The HeArt Box:

A warm and intimate fine art gallery located in Historic Downtown Flagstaff, The HeArt Box provides a curated art space for local artists that celebrate community where heart is at the forefront of conversation. For more information, visit theheartbox.space.

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About the Flagstaff Mountain Film Festival:

The Flagstaff Mountain Film Festival provides a cultural alternative to the mainstream commercial film experience and celebrates, promotes, and nurtures non-fiction film making. The festival seeks to provide a window to the world and screen movies that inspire change. To learn more, visit flagstaffmountainfilms.org.

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About Creative Flagstaff:

Established in 1999, Creative Flagstaff is a non-profit, 501(c)(3), and serves as Flagstaff's art, science and culture agency with a mission of fostering creative opportunity. The nationally recognized nonprofit seeks to build strong connections between artists, practitioners, nonprofits, government, and the business community. For more information, visit creativeflagstaff.org.

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About Flagstaff Downtown Business Alliance (FDBA):

Flagstaff Downtown Business Alliance is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation and promotion of Historic Downtown Flagstaff. FDBA sponsors free family events to encourage visitation to downtown businesses, adding to the economic viability of the downtown area, and the greater Flagstaff community. For more information, visit downtownflagstaff.org.

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