



Art Gallery

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Heckscher-Usdan Student Art Institute

“NEW YEAR: NEW TALENTS”

January 17-February 26, 2007

Reception: Wednesday January 18, 6:00-8:00 PM

This exhibit celebrates the artistic achievements of the *Heckscher-Usdan Student Art Institute* 2006. It highlights student work created at Usdan in the summer of 2006 and continuing at the Heckscher Museum in September 2006.

The Student Art Institute began in 2005 as a joint project of *Usdan Center for the Creative and Performing Arts* and the *Heckscher Museum of Art*. The year-round program provides a selected group of talented high school students with an opportunity to experience twin seasons of study at Usdan and the Heckscher. The program includes studio art instruction, master classes and visits to studios of celebrated artists, as well as career and college portfolio preparation, and an introduction to the museum's curatorial processes. The students' work has been exhibited over the past year in public venues, including the Heckscher Museum of Art's "Best of Long Island" exhibit.

Taught by Elizabeth Kisseleff, Adjunct Professor of Art at Long Island University/C. W. Post, the program includes several projects each year. One focus this year was self-portraits as personal statements.

This exhibit also includes the work of students in the Heckscher Museum's High School Docent Program, a long-standing collaboration with Huntington High School.