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Local Students' Art and Poetry to be Exhibited

(San Francisco, May 2, 2011)—The artwork and poetry of several Bay Area students will be included in an exhibit at the San Francisco Bay Model in Sausalito during the month of May. These youth were honored in the 2011 California Coastal Art & Poetry Contest for kindergarten through 12th grade students, presented by the California Coastal Commission.

Among the artists to be exhibited are Bhavya Kadiyala (1st grade) of Cupertino, Maximus Wu (kindergarten) of Sunnyvale, Nell Castor (3rd grade) of Mill Valley, Karen Dooley (5th grade) of Redwood City, Jennifer Chen (9th grade) of Union City, Yandi Wu (9th grade) of Pleasanton, and Christy Wang (11th grade) of Fremont. The honored poets include Tallula Sorst (3rd grade) and Natalie Burrous (8th grade) of Corte Madera; Brian Thorpe (2nd grade) and Joseph Anderson (2nd grade), of Walnut Creek; Serafina Stechman (3rd grade), Scarlet Hartzog (5th grade) and Emma Feshbach (12th grade), of Mill Valley; AJ McCalla (6th grade) of Sebastopol; Audrey Webster (7th grade) of San Anselmo; and Meera Kumar (11th grade) of San Ramon,

Following the Bay Model exhibit, the 2011 California Coastal Art & Poetry Contest will be on display at the Ford House Museum in Mendocino, the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium in San Pedro, and the Channel Islands National Park Visitor Center in Ventura Harbor.

Annie Kohut Frankel, California Coastal Commission Education Coordinator, commends the student artists and poets. "We received 2,272 entries from around the state, and these pieces stood out from the crowd. These students have remarkable talent and have really captured the essence of the California coast."

The California Coastal Art & Poetry Contest is held annually to encourage youth to reflect on the beauty and spirit of California's beaches and ocean. Through this effort the Commission endeavors to inspire a greater sense of appreciation and stewardship for these natural places, since a population that cares about the coast is more likely to conserve and protect it. For more information about the contest and the Commission's other education programs, visit www.coastforyou.org or call 800-Coast4U. For information about the San Francisco Bay Model, visit www.spn.usace.army.mil/bmvc/ or call (415) 289-3004. The Bay Model is located at 2100 Bridgeway in Sausalito.

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