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2010 California Coastal Art & Poetry Contest
Presented by the California Coastal Commission

Announcing this year's Winners and Honorable Mentions

(SAN FRANCISCO, March 30, 2010)—The California Coastal Commission is proud to announce the winners for this year's California Coastal Art & Poetry Contest. This contest for kindergarten through 12th grade students drew 2,413 entries from throughout California. The winning art and poetry and the honorable mentions are viewable online at www.coastforyou.org.

ART WINNERS:

K-3rd:	Hana Yoon, 3 rd grade	Irvine
4th-6th:	Michelle Askar, 6 th grade	Playa Del Rey
7th-9th:	Jennifer Chen, 8 th grade	Union City
10th-12th:	Brittani Diehl, 12 th grade	Hollister

POETRY WINNERS:

K-3rd:	Uma Durairaj, 3 rd grade	La Cañada
4th-6th:	McKenna Jackson, 5 th grade	Danville
7th-9th:	Aaron Balin, 8 th grade	Chula Vista
10th-12th:	Carolina Beltran, 11 th grade	Santa Barbara

ART HONORABLE MENTIONS:

Ryan Chang, 2 nd grade	Irvine
Marisa Franz, 11 th grade	Folsom
Kelly Guo, 9 th grade	San Gabriel
Kaitlyn Hahn, 7 th grade	La Crescenta
Kevin Huo, 5 th grade	Foster City
Evan Juan, 4 th grade	Irvine
Layla Lee, 3 rd grade	Fullerton
Ivy Yijia Liao, 8 th grade	Pleasanton
Eileen Lu, 11 th grade	Cupertino
Jennifer Mou, 8 th grade	Fremont
Erin O'Neill, 10 th grade	California Hot Springs
Theo Saarinen, 5 th grade	
Yuna Song, 3 rd grade	Irvine
Nicole Tarantino, 1 st grade	Laguna Niguel

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Ektaa Tendolkar, 6th grade San Diego
Amy Wann, 12th grade Piedmont

POETRY HONORABLE MENTIONS:

Julianna Abraham, kindergarten
Rowin Breaux, 7th grade Fort Bragg
Patti Buck, 8th grade Oak View
Jonathan Cole, 3rd grade San Francisco
Siena Davi, 3rd grade Monterey
Isaac Goldstein, 5th grade Ventura
Clara Hartman, 10th grade
Camille Kenyon, kindergarten San Francisco
Meera Kumar, 10th grade San Ramon
AJ McCalla, 5th grade Sebastopol
Alma Meckler-Pacheco, 4th grade Sebastopol

The California Coastal Art & Poetry Contest encourages youth to reflect on the beauty and spirit of California's beaches and ocean, in order to inspire a greater sense of appreciation and stewardship for these natural places

The contest is held annually, and all California students in kindergarten through the 12th grade are invited to participate. Entries can be submitted at any time. Winners from each grade-level category (K-3rd, 4th-6th, 7th-9th, and 10th-12th) in both art and poetry are awarded a \$100 gift certificate to an art supply or book store. Each winner's teacher (named on the entry form) receives a \$40 gift certificate for educational materials. All winners and honorable mentions will receive four tickets to the Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach, courtesy of the Aquarium.

In addition to the artwork and poetry being showcased on the Coastal Commission's website, all of the art and the four winning poems will be on exhibit at the San Mateo County Office of Education in Redwood City in May, the Ford House Museum in Mendocino from June through September, and at the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium in San Pedro from October through January.

The deadline for the 2011 contest is January 31st. Visit www.coastforyou.org or call (800) Coast4U for details.

High resolution images are available upon request.

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