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The New Children's Museum Celebrates Youth Art Month

Partnership with High Tech Elementary North County features student art installation

SAN DIEGO – *March 11, 2020* – In celebration of Youth Art Month, The New Children's Museum has opened a new art installation, *Finding Symmetry in Nature*, in collaboration with High Tech Elementary North County students. Youth Art Month is an annual national program organized by the Council for Art Education that recognizes the importance of arts education through exhibitions of student artwork in libraries, community centers, schools and museums during the month of March.

"Youth Art Month is a great time to celebrate the creativity of our young audience," says Museum Arts Education Manager, Amy Gray. "What we loved about the collaboration with High Tech Elementary was not only bringing the students to the Museum, but being able to showcase their efforts for our visitors to appreciate."

The student exhibition, *Finding Symmetry in Nature*, features watercolor-inspired drawings of butterflies and snowflakes on coffee filters that hang in the Museum's Side Door Gallery. Each drawing was created by fourth and fifth graders in Rina Vinetz's classroom, where they looked closely at the radial and bilateral symmetry found in butterflies and snowflakes to understand how patterns come into play.

"If you look closely at the artwork, you'll see the detail and direction that each student took with their individual design," says High Tech Elementary North County art teacher, Rina Vinetz. "At the same time, the artwork lives beautifully together as a large-scale collaborative installation that represents the greater school community."

This is The New Children's Museum's second art installation collaboration with High Tech Elementary North County located in San Marcos. In the spring of 2018, the Museum exhibited puppets in its Community Gallery made by Vinetz's first grade students. In the fall of 2019, the Museum hosted all the students from the school through multiple free school visits, thanks to annual funding from the Nordson Foundation.

Finding Symmetry in Nature is a temporary installation on display in the Museum's Side Door Gallery through April, 2020. The Side Door Gallery features a rotating gallery of community artwork and

installations, and is located between art installations *No Rules...Except* and *Wobbleland* on the Museum's Main Level. For more information about this installation, visit thinkplaycreate.org/explore/art-installations/finding-symmetry-in-nature.

Link to photos of *Finding Symmetry in Nature* installation, [click here](#).

About High Tech Elementary North County

High Tech Elementary North County is a K-5 charter school located in San Marcos that serves 442 students. The school is rooted in project-based learning, meaning faculty guides students through the creation of projects designed to develop their understanding of the world around them. It's also part of the High Tech High System of charter schools, where students examine information from "expert" adults, primary source documents, other teachers, Internet resources and each other. The curriculum is rigorous, yet developmentally appropriate, providing the foundation for success at middle school and beyond. To learn more, visit hightechhigh.org/htenc/.

About The New Children's Museum

The New Children's Museum is a new model of children's museum whose mission is to stimulate imagination, creativity and critical thinking in children and families through inventive and engaging experiences with contemporary art. Located downtown, the Museum collaborates with contemporary artists to design and create art installations and educational programs for children. The Museum brings families together in a rich educational environment that fosters creativity — blending the best elements of children's museums, contemporary art museums and community resources. To learn more, visit thinkplaycreate.org or follow them on [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#).

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