## **Press Release**

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## **Baldwin Invites High School Art Competition Entries**

Congresswoman Tammy Baldwin invites all high school students living in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District to participate in the 2009 Congressional Art Competition.

The Congressional Arts Competition was created in 1981 to promote the artistic work of high school students from around the nation. Baldwin has sponsored the local competition each year since taking office in 1999 and calls it one of the great pleasures of her job. "The Congressional Art Competition is a wonderful opportunity for us to showcase our many talented young people and to encourage them to pursue their artistic interests," Baldwin said.

A panel of artists and arts educators will judge the entries and all entries will be displayed between May 5 and May 28 at Madison Public Library's Sequoya Branch on Tokay Blvd. Baldwin will host a reception in May for the students, their families, and teachers at the library at which award winners will be announced.

The first-place entry from Baldwin's district will hang in the U.S. Capitol as part of a year-long exhibit of artwork from Congressional districts across the nation. The winning student and two family members will receive complimentary airfare to attend the exhibit opening in Washington, D.C., on June 24. The second, third, and fourth place entries will hang in Baldwin's Congressional offices in Washington, DC, Madison, and Beloit respectively.

All artwork must be original, two-dimensional and framed. Each piece may not exceed 30 inches by 30 inches and 4 inches deep, including the frame. Entries must be mailed or delivered to Congresswoman Baldwin's Madison office at 10 E. Doty Street, Suite 405, or her Beloit office at 400 E. Grand Blvd, Suite 400 by 5 PM on Friday, April 17.

High school students interested in participating may call (608) 258-9800 to obtain a complete list of guidelines and an entry form.