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### **STUDENT ART SHOW AND AWARD CEREMONY AT SCIENCE MUSEUM OF MINNESOTA**

**Seventeen elementary school artists are featured this year in the Big River Art Show, on display at the Mississippi River Gallery of the Science Museum of Minnesota starting October 28, 2005. The winning artwork reflects months of learning about the Mississippi River for thousands of 4th-6th grade students in the Twin Cities area and beyond, through the Big River Student Art Contest, coordinated by the National Park Service (NPS). The winning youthful artists will be recognized at a reception at the Science Museum of Minnesota on Friday, October 28, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Certificates will be presented to the student winners by Park Superintendent JoAnn Kyril at 7:00p.m. The Science Museum is located at 120 West Kellogg Boulevard, St. Paul.**

**Chosen from hundreds of entries, the 17 winning pieces utilize a variety of techniques to depict the Mississippi River. Bold and dramatic paintings contrast with delicate detailed pencil work. A strong stewardship message is incorporated into many pieces through free verse. Students create art in one of three themes: Mighty Mississippi, Big River Journey, and Caring for the River. The winning art may be viewed at**

**<http://www.nps.gov/miss/programs/brj/gallery2005.html>. Winning artwork from previous years is on display at various Twin City area venues. The Big River Student Art Contest is part of the larger award-winning program Big River Journey, which connects students with the science and heritage of the Mississippi River and fosters river stewardship. Big River Journey is a collaborative program of the Mississippi National River and Recreation Area and twelve non-profit organizations, state and federal agencies and a local tribe.**

**Big River Journey partners are the Padelford Packet Boat Co., Science Museum of Minnesota, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (Adopt-a-River, Fort Snelling State Park, Project WET), Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge, Minnesota Historical Society, Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux (Dakota) Community, Friends of the Mississippi River, Hamline University Center for Global Environmental Education, Metropolitan Council, and the Mississippi River**

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**Directions to the Science Museum of Minnesota may be found at <http://www.smm.org> or call the National Park Service Mississippi River Visitor Center at 651-293-0200, located within the Museum.**

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