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## News Release

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### **Ten St. Paul Students Winners in Big River Art Contest**

Students from Capitol Hill, Chelsea Height, Como, L'Etoile du Nord, and Adams Spanish Magnet are winners in the 2006 Big River Art Contest. Seventeen winning pieces of art were chosen from over 700 entries submitted by 4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade students. The Big River Art Contest is part of the award winning program, Big River Journey. Both programs are coordinated by the Mississippi National River and Recreation Area of the National Park Service (NPS). Throughout the school year, thousands of 4th-6th grade students in the Twin Cities area are connected to the science and heritage of the Mississippi River through Big River Journey and the Big River Art Contest. Student's learning about the river is reflected in the art contest's three themes: Mighty Mississippi, Big River Journey, and Caring for the River.

The winning student art will be on display in the Mississippi River Gallery of the Science Museum of Minnesota starting November 16, 2006. The winning youthful artists will be recognized at a reception at the Science Museum of Minnesota on Thursday, November 16, from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. Certificates will be presented to the student winners by acting Park Superintendent Steve Johnson at 7:00p.m. The Science Museum is located at 120 West Kellogg Boulevard, St. Paul. The winning art may also be viewed at <http://www.nps.gov/miss/photosmultimedia/artgal2006.htm>.

Big River Journey is a collaborative program of the Mississippi National River and Recreation Area and nine 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, and Hamline University Center for Global Environmental Education, with support from the Mississippi River Fund. The National Park Service works with these and other partners throughout the national river's 72-mile length to care for the river's nationally significant resources. For more information: <http://www.nps.gov/miss>.

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. A complete list of winners follows.

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## 2006 Big River Art Contest Winners

### Caring For The River

**Grand Prize Winner:** Naveen Jain, Wayzata East Middle School, Grade 6,  
Teacher- Linda Johaneson

**Winner:** Jacob LaBine, Eisenhower Elementary, (Anoka-Henn.), Grade 4,  
Teacher- Mrs. Gilsrud

**Winner:** Adia Vega, Chelsea Heights Elementary, SPPS, Grade 4,  
Teacher- Barb McIntosh

**Winner:** Elizabeth Weir, Capitol Hill Magnet School, SPPS, Grade 6,  
Teacher- Ms. Antonow

**Honorary Mention:** Lucy Beni, L'Etoile du Nord French Immersion, SPPS,  
Grade 5, Teacher- Madame Lacey

### Mighty Mississippi

**Grand Prize Winner:** Hannah Nesser, Capitol Hill Magnet School, SPPS,  
Grade 6, Teacher- Ms. Prince

**Winner:** Dominique Neher, Capitol Hill Magnet School, SPPS, Grade 6,  
Teacher- Mr. Ford

**Winner:** Mackenzie Peery, Hillcrest School, Bloomington, Grade 5,  
Teacher- Mr. Tim Kaari

**Winner:** Monique Holod, Capitol Hill Magnet School, SPPS, Grade 6,  
Teacher- Mr. Ford

**Honorary Mention:** Emma Burnham, Capitol Hill Magnet School, SPPS,  
Grade 6, Teacher- Ms. Antonow

**Honorary Mention:** Yeng Moua, Como Park Elementary, SPPS, Grade 5,  
Teacher- Ms. Wald

### Big River Journey

**Grand Prize Winner:** Maddy Pliska, Hillcrest School, Bloomington, Grade 5,  
Teacher- Mr. Tim Kaari

**Winner:** Katie Enzenauer, Monroe Elementary (Anoka-Henn.), Grade 4,  
Teacher- Mrs. Steffl

**Winner:** Hnub Yang, Como Park Elementary, SPPS, Grade 5,  
Teacher- Laurie Halvorson

**Winner:** Jordan Dyck, Oak Ridge Elementary, Eagan, Grade 4,  
Teacher- Mrs. Manville

**Honorary Mention:** Elowyn Pfeiffer, Adams Spanish Immersion, SPPS, Grade 4,  
Teacher- Sra. Medina

**Honorary Mention:** Cameron Eller, Washington Elem. (Anoka-Henn.), Grade 4,  
Teacher- Susan McManus

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