

## BMHS students' artwork to be featured at upcoming exhibit

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Seventy works of art from Beloit Memorial High School will be featured at the Beloit Fine Arts Incubator's (BFAI) annual High School Art Show, according to BMHS art teacher Elizabeth Carpenter.

BFAI will host its annual High School Art Show during the month of April. The artwork of students from several area high schools will be on display with a reception for the artists on April 3 from 5 - 8 p.m. The reception is free and open to the public. For those unable to attend the event, the gallery is open Monday from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.; Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.; and Saturday from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Carpenter said BMHS students will show a variety of works such as fiber arts, ceramics, painting, drawing, digital arts and sculpture.

In an interview on Wednesday BMHS senior Caylee Rolon and juniors Ryan Dahl and Zowie Fox shared a little bit about their works of art to be included in the upcoming show.

Caylee, daughter of Don Rolon and Chris Snyder, used acrylic and oil paint to create a portrait of her friend and classmate Liz Santacruz. When asked how she picked Liz, she said, "well, she's beautiful."

Caylee said she primarily paints portraits. When painting the Liz portrait she was inspired by a picture of her friend at an art show, although she portrayed Liz at a different angle.

Liz said it was "an honor" to be painted.

Caylee also painted a self-portrait of herself in unique makeup. Carpenter said the piece is a bit controversial as part of it appears as though Caylee was beat up, evoking an image of abuse.

Caylee said she loves drawing portraits and using makeup to create unique images. After high school, she plans to attend cosmetology school.



### Student art exhibit

From left; Beloit Memorial High School students Zowie Fox, Caylee Rolon and Ryan Dahl hold artwork which will be featured at the Beloit Fine Arts Incubator's High School Art Show during the month of April.

Caylee has been in the show for the past four years. She won a regional award in Baraboo and was selected to go to Madison and compete at the state level, where she won a first place Wisconsin Art Educator's Association Award for 11th and 12th grades.

Zowie, daughter of Wenonce Fox, used markers, gel pens and colored pencils to create a picture of her in a "steam punk" theme, an aesthetic showing gears and rustic metals. In Zowie's work she did a portrait of herself, as half-human and half-robot using a variety of patterns, including that of a computer's motherboard.

Zowie said it will be her first time at the art show and she wants to get into graphic design.

Ryan, the son of Robert Dahl and Michelle Stanaszak, said he's excited to show work in his first art show. Ryan, who took his first art class this year in fiber arts, worked with other classmates to create a project which showed frogs. Students decided to put the frogs — made out of felted wool — on a tree branch.

"I feel like it's unique and shows everyone's taste in one piece," he said.

Ryan, who said he plans to eventually go into business or be a police officer, said he's enjoyed his first art class.

"It's unique and I get to do things I didn't know you could do in the artistic world," he said.