THE MAX MAY MEMORIAL
Holocaust Art Contest

Dayton Area Student Artwork
About the Holocaust
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The Max May Memorial Holocaust Art Contest has been conducted by the Dayton Holocaust Resource Center for the past fifteen years. It is held in tandem with the Holocaust Writing Contest. Both yearly contests are designed to encourage students to express their deep feelings on this subject after studying it in the classroom.

The art contest is named after my grandfather, Max May, who was an artist. His foresight in leaving Europe saved his family from persecution in the Holocaust. It enabled my family to start a new life in this great country. In sponsoring this contest, I honor his memory. The Holocaust Art Contest has become an amazing exhibition of talent, creativity, and sensitivity for the subject. Each year, art teachers, and some individual students, send us art that is astonishing in its scope and depth.

The art work comes from around the greater Dayton/Miami Valley area and encompasses diverse students who live in many different neighborhoods. The unifying force seems to be their understanding that learning about the prejudice and hatred that led up to the Holocaust is the first step to preventing it in the future.

We are extremely grateful to Culture Works and the Montgomery County Arts and Cultural District for the grant given this year which enabled us to frame the art to be exhibited and to professionally produce this catalogue which also includes student writing from the Holocaust Writing Contest.

It is a great honor to exhibit pieces from the Max May Memorial Holocaust Art Contest in The Dayton Art Institute and in other venues around town. Sharing the students’ work with the community, we hope, increases education and understanding.

We congratulate those students who are featured in this catalogue and whose work is on display. We recognize that there are many others we would like to exhibit, but space does not allow.

This catalogue is also dedicated to all the wonderful teachers in the greater Dayton area who each day in the classroom give their students lessons in humanity and making the world a better place.

THEY WILL REMEMBER

Renate Frydman

Renate Frydman, Director, Dayton Holocaust Resource Center,
Jewish Federation of Greater Dayton
1. Kathy Will
REMEMBER
Marker and colored pencil
Ninth grade
Chaminade-Julienne High School
Diana Barr, teacher

2. Marquise Burns
KRISTALLNACHT
Pastel and charcoal
Ninth grade
Colonel White High School
Susan Tyner, teacher
All my hair is shaved, my arm is stamped,

but they cannot stamp out

THE FIRE OF
my soul.”

-Amy Ciaravolo,
THE FIRE OF MY SOUL
THE ASHES BLOW

Across centuries
Past burning crosses

Over bloody battlefields
Above the Promised Land
Through Hell

Still crying
STILL ECHOING
Still teaching

Still teaching.”

-Emily Maddox, THE POWER OF ASHES
“When people die,
When peace is no longer,

WHEN SMILES FADE,

One thing survives.

HOPE.”

John Sylva,
HOLOCAUST
“I’m drowning
in a sea of forgotten souls.

WE NEED
to remember those
who died and
those that live.

WE WILL NEVER
let the insanity begin again.”

-Sarah Stevens,
SEA OF SOULS
7. Claire Ferdening
**TOO MUCH PAIN**
Watercolor and newspaper
Ninth grade
Chaminade-Julienne High School
Diana Barr, teacher

8. Diana Schrimpf
**HOPE IS FOUND IN THE INNOCENT**
Pastel and charcoal
Ninth grade
Ankeney Middle School
Marie Dunn, teacher
9. Theresa Lashway  
**STARVED**  
Acrylic  
Eleventh grade  
Northmont High School  
Douglas Cozad, teacher
"I cannot suppress my boredom any longer
Its cold icy hands come to grip me
My weapons of books and games have

RUN OUT.

Boredom's hands grab my ankles and
Are joined by silence, fear, and tension.

They squeeze my soul
And leave me void
of happiness.

When all seems lost a friendly hand
Reaches down to help me up,
Free me from the icy hands
And replenishes

MY HOPE.

-Matt Daniel, ANNE FRANK POEM
“WHY DOES NOBODY SEE what I can see?

Is the world so blind TO PAIN and grief?

Many children of the Holocaust still survive today,

Remember them in your prayers,
and never turn the other way.”

-Roohi Abdulla,
WHY DOES NOBODY SEE WHAT I CAN SEE?

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12. Thomas Coffey
STAR OF DAVID’S MEMORIES
Mixed media
Eighth grade
Indian Valley Middle School
Barbara Arnold, teacher

13. Kristen Schafer
NIGHT OF BROKEN GLASS
Mixed media
Tenth grade
Chaminade-Julienne High School
Diana Barr, teacher
13. Teresa Perretta
FROM HER WINDOW TERROR AND CONFUSION DRAW NEAR
Mixed media, window
Tenth grade
Chaminade-Julienne High School
Diana Barr, teacher

14. Max Green
UNTITLED
Graphite
Seventh grade
Hillel Academy
Rabbi Samuel Feld, teacher

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It started with a small spark,

**a whisper of wind,**

A little glowing ember, but threatening and defined.

But there were no firefighters ready,

no sirens were heard,

And the silence fed the small fire,

**it was not doused by words.**

The fire starters saw their spark grow stronger,

**H A T R E D**

was the fuel.

The silent bystanders watching, were used as their main tool.

**And the fire got hotter as the silence got louder.**

-Christine Stier,

*SCORCHING FIRE AND DEAFENING SILENCE*

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16. Jennifer Hubbard
NEVER FORGET
Mixed media
Eleventh grade
Chaminade-Julienne High School
Diana Barr, teacher

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"TEARS
Flow in golden rivers
THE SEA OF STARS
Calls my name
Their pain is ours."

-Tabatha Wharton,
SEA OF STARS
17. Sam Weprin
WE REMEMBER
Oil pastel
Eighth grade
Hillel Academy
Jennifer Ater, teacher
18. Megan Staley

**EVENT OF REIGN OF TERROR**
Mixed media
Eleventh grade
Chaminade-Julienne High School
Diana Barr, teacher
“Every pair of shoes
a reminder

Of a father,
a son,
a daughter,
a mother

**KILLED**
during Hitler’s reign

**OF TERROR**

Killed in the camps,
the ovens, the showers.”

-Katie Zink,
THE SHOES
21. Fanessa Lorraine Davis

THE PARTICIPANTS
Paper and cloth
Eighth grade
Indian Valley Middle School
Barbara Arnold, teacher

22. Jordan Carper

THREE MEN
Charcoal
Ninth grade
Chaminade-Julienne High School
Diana Barr, teacher
“There are lessons in life, that are taught and are learned,

THE LESSONS are many,

as were the bodies that burned.”

-Amy Young, LESSONS
“The young, old, prosperous, poor, depressed, joyous
All reduced to fragments of beings

Slaughtered methodically
with no emotion

BEHIND closed doors

Neglected by neighbors
and brothers who refuse to

Acknowledge evil and bring its downfall, this

EVIL

with a handlebar mustache and a blonde army...”

-Camryn Berk
ELEMENTS OF THE HOLOCAUST
"BUT ALL WE HAVE ARE WORDS.

WORDS are weak,
but they are our only tools.

If this is how we are to honor our lost brothers and sisters,

We must choose
the strongest words,

We must find a way to give
the tortured, PEACE.

But how can we turn feelings into words?"

-Megan Beck, WORDS
“THE DAYS PASS BY;
I’m an old man now,

A tattoo remains,
and memories somehow.

I try to forget,
but life won’t allow,

and I SHALL ALWAYS remember.”

-Chad M. Cramer,
AND THE MOON WILL REMEMBER
26. Jennifer Hubbard
*END OF INNOCENCE*
Graphite
Twelfth grade
Chaminade-Julienne High School
Diana Barr, teacher

27. Claire Stanislawski
*SHARED GRAVE*
Mixed media
Tenth grade
Chaminade-Julienne High School
Diana Barr, teacher
"THE RAIN FELL,

FACES in the clouds
loomed over me.

The drops fell about me;

landing on
my face,

taking the same path a tear
had taken so long ago.

I didn’t cry anymore.

The rain was just the rain,
not the tears of thousands.”

-Sarah Davies,
JUST LIKE THE RAIN

28. Alex Katz
UNTITLED
Graphite
Seventh grade
Hillel Academy
Rabbi Samuel Feld

29. Jon Riccitello
REMEMBERING ANNE FRANK
Mixed media
Tenth grade
Chaminade-Julienne High School
Diana Barr, teacher
“The ashes of the victims may blow away,

the barbed wire may turn to rust,

The witnesses will some day pass away,

And even I will turn to dust.

If the Holocaust is forgotten

AND THE MEMORY DIES

Then who’s to say

it won’t happen again.”

-Kendall Wright
THE GROUND