



City of Yakima

News Release

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New Windows Alive! Exhibit Available

The new Windows Alive! art exhibit is now on display in Downtown Yakima. It can be seen along the northside of Yakima Avenue between Hotel Maison and 3rd Street.

The artists' brief bios, complete statements and a sample of their respective works can be found at <https://windowsalive.com/>

Following are the Central Washington artists selected for the new Windows Alive! exhibit, including an excerpt from their artist bios/statements,

- **Calista Graaff:** Calista moved from the family farm in Ellensburg to Yakima in 2022. "Every piece of rusted equipment and every colorful view is one-of-a-kind and makes me feel different each time I see it."
- **Daniel Hanson:** He attributes his source material as whatever music or documentary he is listening to as he works. While this is his first opportunity to exhibit to the public, several of his pieces already reside in the homes and offices of friends and families.
- **James West Nelson:** "This exhibit is a posthumous collaboration between my father and me. Each painting has been chosen for its potential to include wildlife or other objects of interest to 'spice up' his masterfully painted settings."
- **Justin Kloster:** "In my collages, I attempt to break the connection between letters and a written message. In a world so heavily driven by direct visual communication, is it possible to break that connection?"
- **Omar Gonzalez:** "I love expressing myself by using radiant colors in many of my pieces. My art reflects my urban roots showing my love for the Hip Hop culture. I want people to understand that art can inspire and motivate through colors, messages or art pieces."
- **Wendy McAleer:** "I think we all have times when the universe slows down, compresses to a single point and shows us something with utter clarity. I try to preserve that fleeting, vivid understanding as best I can so that it can be shared with others."

Each artist received a \$250 stipend.

The Yakima Arts Commission, an advisory group appointed by the Yakima City Council, developed the Windows Alive! idea to harness the creativity of Central Washington artists.

Following a submission and evaluation process, the above artists were chosen to be part of the latest "Windows Alive!" exhibition.

The Spring/Summer 2022 Windows Alive! exhibit will be on display through September.