

Awaken



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is SLOMA?

The San Luis Obispo Museum of Art (SLOMA) is a:

- Venue of curated exhibitions by contemporary living artists
- Place for local artists to showcase and sell their work
- Gathering place for community events
- Venue for children's arts education programs and adult workshops

What is AWAKEN?

SLOMA, in partnership with the San Luis Obispo County Office of Education, is launching AWAKEN, a countywide student visual arts program to encourage and showcase student artwork during the 2018–19 school year.

AWAKEN is a year-long program aimed at inspiring students to engage in the visual arts. The program is celebrated in three distinctly themed exhibitions, installed at SLOMA by the Museum's professional curatorial staff.

Who can participate in AWAKEN?

All grades—kindergarten through high school seniors—who go to school in San Luis Obispo County are encouraged to participate.

When is AWAKEN happening?

Fall Exhibition: Community

November 2–18, 2018

High School

Follow our students as they use artistic expression to think critically and broadly about community and how it can inspire and change lives.

Winter Exhibition: Nature

February 1–17, 2019

Middle School

Nature has inspired artists since time began. Support our students as they share the influence nature has on their lives through artistic expression.

Spring Exhibition: Discovery

May 3–12, 2019

Elementary School (K–6)

What engages and entertains our youngest learners? Watch as young minds use art to share their favorite wonders of life.

Why is AWAKEN important?

Dozens of studies demonstrate a strong correlation between arts programs and superior problem solving and critical thinking skills, plus improved interpersonal skills. AWAKEN creates an opportunity for students and families alike to engage in the arts through student exhibitions at SLOMA.

Why should teachers get their students involved in AWAKEN?

Students are given the unique opportunity to have their artwork on exhibit at the County's preeminent art institution and museum. Teachers are encouraged to share the opportunity, entry guidelines and theme with their students.

How do students submit their artwork for the museum exhibition?

Students may download the guidelines and entry form at **SLOMA.org**. Artwork submissions for the fall exhibition are being accepted October 26–29 at SLOMA or Paso Robles Youth Arts Foundation (PRYAF). Students and their families are encouraged to contact SLOMA if assistance is needed to get the artwork delivered to either of these locations.

Where can students and their families learn more about AWAKEN and SLOMA?

For more information, email SLOMA at **info@SLOMA.org**, or call Karen Kile **805-543-8562**.

Additional information about SLOMA

The San Luis Obispo Museum of Art, with free admission for all, has been the beacon for the visual arts in this county since 1967. SLOMA's teaching artists have taught thousands of children and teenagers curriculum-based art classes at its Museum location, and at satellite elementary schools countywide, over the years. The Museum of Art is located at 1010 Broad Street, on the west end of Mission Plaza, in San Luis Obispo. A 501(c)(3) public benefit corporation, the Museum is also currently raising \$15 million for a new better-equipped and expanded facility on its present location. More information available at **www.SLOMA.org**.