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DEP Honors Winners of Water Conservation Art and Poetry Contest

New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Commissioner Christopher O. Ward will host the ceremonies today as the DEP honors the winners of its 17th Annual Water Conservation Art & Poetry Contest. The ceremony recognizes 5th and 6th grade students whose artwork and poems exhibit a superior understanding and appreciation of our water resources.

The ceremony will be from 1:30 to 3:00 P.M. at The Great Hall at Cooper Union on East 7th Street in Manhattan. About 900 students, parent, teachers, administrators and invited guests will attend, and winning entries will be displayed.

Every year, the DEP asks 5th and 6th grade students from more than 1,000 public, private and parochial schools throughout the City to submit original works of art and poetry that address themes related to the City water system, water conservation, water quality and wastewater treatment. Entries are judged on their originality, craftsmanship and creativity. Winners from each borough in both the art and the poetry categories receive prizes.

This year's winners are from:

The Bronx

Art (tie): P.S. 14 & C.S. 152

Poetry: Ethical Cultural Fieldston School

Brooklyn

Art: P.S. 1

Poetry: St. Anselm School

Manhattan

Art: Professional Performing Arts School

Poetry (tie): Harbor Science and Arts Charter School & P.S. 1

Queens

Art (tie): P.S. 21 & St. Aloysius School

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Poetry: P.S. 115

Staten Island

Art: P.S. 69

Poetry: St. Clare School

A similar event will be held at Pace University in Pleasantville on May 8 to honor the 6th and 7th grade winners of the Kensico Watershed Art and Poetry Contest.