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SHELDON ART GALLERIES HIGHLIGHTS MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS CREATED BY STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN STEAM-BASED SOLID PROGRAM

ST. LOUIS, MO - The Sheldon Art Galleries presents ***SOLID Exhibition: The Sheldon SOLID Project***, on view now through May 6, 2023 in the AT&T Gallery of Young and Emerging Artists. Gallery hours are Wednesdays – Fridays, noon – 5 p.m. and Saturdays, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, visit TheSheldon.org or call 314-533-9900.



The exhibition features a selection of inventive sound devices created by students from area schools, created as part of The Sheldon's SOLID (Science of Learning Instrument Design) program in 2022 and 2023. The Sheldon SOLID Project is a STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and math)-based program, created in collaboration with the Saint Louis Science Center, that challenges students to design and create their own musical instruments by following the steps of the engineering cycle. SOLID is designed to get students excited about creative problem solving by combining the creativity of the arts with STEM disciplines.

The exhibition highlights a curated selection of musical instruments, selected from hundreds of entries. **A showcase of designs by all participating schools will take place on Thursday, May 4 from 4-7 p.m. in The Konneker Room at The Sheldon.** The event is free and open to the public.

Schools featured in the SOLID exhibition include Ascension Catholic School; Blades Elementary School; Blessed Teresa of Calcutta School; Concord Elementary School; Julie Goldstein Early Childhood Center; Most Sacred Heart Catholic School; South Elementary School; William Holliday Elementary School; Hawthorne Elementary School; St. Joseph Catholic School; Holy Trinity Fairview Heights; Jefferson Intermediate School; McKinley Classical Junior Academy; Northview Elementary School; Word of Life Lutheran School; and Larimore Elementary School.

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Schools participating in the May 4 showcase include Ascension Catholic School; Green Park Lutheran School; Hancock Place Elementary; Hawthorne Elementary School; Holy Trinity Fairview Heights; Jefferson Intermediate School; Julia Goldstein Early Childhood Center; Larimore Elementary; McKinley Classical Junior Academy; Most Sacred Heart Catholic School; Northview Elementary; Our Lady of Lourdes; Parkway West Middle School; St. Francis of Assisi School; St. Joseph School; Westridge Elementary; William Holliday Elementary School; and Word of Life Lutheran.

With a mission to provide the St. Louis community and beyond with “Arts Without Borders,” The Sheldon breaks down barriers, making music and visual art accessible to all. Known around the world for its acoustically perfect concert hall, the adjoining Sheldon Art Galleries present world-class visual art exhibitions. Over 70,000 young people each year engage in Sheldon education programs including live and online performances, and the STEAM-based SOLID Music Project. TheSheldon.org.

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Image caption: Fiona L., Zoey S., Charlotte C. & Shawn F., 6th grade, *Heavenly Hades Harp*, 2023, cardboard, rubber bands, tape, paper, sticks, pipe cleaners, 17 x 22 x 10 inches, courtesy of Jefferson Intermediate School, Teacher: Jessica Lowe.