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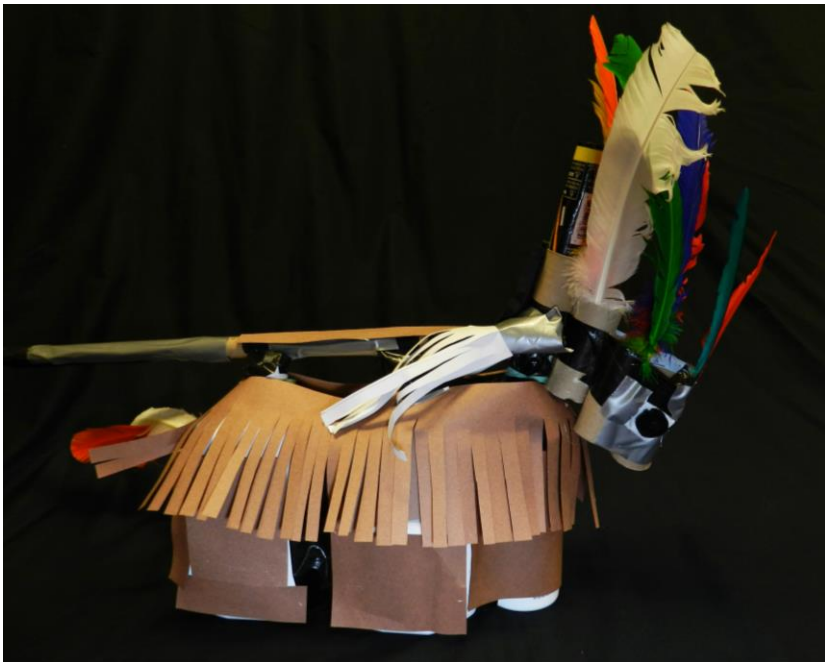
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**SHELDON ART GALLERIES EXHIBITS MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS BY LOCAL STUDENTS  
CREATED THROUGH SHELDON'S STEAM-BASED SOLID PROGRAM**

ST. LOUIS, MO - The Sheldon Art Galleries presents *Invent a Musical Instrument - Selections from The Sheldon's SOLID Program*, October 6, 2017 – January 27, 2018 in the AT&T Gallery of Children's Art. **An opening reception will be held on Friday, October 6 from 5 - 7 p.m.** Galleries are open until 9 p.m. for First Fridays in Grand Center. The Sheldon Art Galleries are open Tuesdays, Noon – 8 p.m.; Wednesdays - Fridays, Noon – 5 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. and one hour prior to Sheldon performances and during intermission. Admission is free. For more information on exhibitions, visit the galleries' website at [TheSheldon.org](http://TheSheldon.org).



The exhibition features 50 musical instruments made in 2017 at Sheldon SOLID Music Program partner schools. The SOLID (Science of Learning Instrument Design) Music Program is a collaboration between The Sheldon, the St. Louis Science Center, St. Louis Public Schools, St. Louis Archdiocesan Schools and Boeing scientists. The STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math) based program teaches students about the science of sound, musical instrument design, history, theory and artistic approaches to design.

Through the SOLID Program, teachers participated in planning sessions led by staff of The Sheldon and the St. Louis Science Center to learn the STEAM curriculum, then took their knowledge back to the classroom to inspire their students to create musical instruments using the engineering cycle (identifying the challenge, designing a solution, building and testing, and then repeating the process). Students developed their ideas to the prototype, then final product stage, using the creativity of the arts combined with the traditional STEM disciplines. The SOLID program was begun with generous support from Boeing and many other generous donors.

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Participating schools featured in this exhibition include Academy of Entrepreneurship Studies Middle School (AESM), Antonia Middle School, Assumption School, Ascension School, Bayless Elementary, Blessed Teresa of Calcutta, Buder Elementary, Chesterfield Day School, Concord Elementary, Hagemann Elementary, Gateway Science Academy, Most Sacred Heart, Northwest Academy of Law, Rogers Elementary, St. Gabriel the Archangel School, Sigel Elementary, Visitation Academy, Wohlwend Elementary and Woodland Elementary Schools.

The not-for-profit Sheldon Art Galleries exhibits works by local, national and international artists in all media. Over 6,000 square feet of the galleries' spaces on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor are permanently devoted to rotating exhibits of photography, architecture, music art and history and children's art. A sculpture garden, seen from both the atrium lobby and the connecting glass bridge, features periodic rotations and installations, and the Nancy Spirtas Kranzberg Gallery on the lower level features art of all media. The Sheldon actively supports the work of St. Louis artists in all mediums and features a dedicated gallery with museum-quality exhibits by St. Louis artists, past and present.

Financial Assistance for this project has been provided by the Missouri Arts Council, a state agency. Support is provided by the Regional Arts Commission and the Arts and Education Council.

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**Image caption:** *Horse Shaker* by Tanner, Victoria, Omar and Alem, Wohlwend Elementary School, Mehlville School District. Teacher: Amy George, mixed media, 25 L x 6 W x 22 H inches.