

## O'Keeffe Museum Presents Art & Leadership Student Show in Partnership with Santa Fe Community College

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE–July 17, 2025 (Santa Fe, NM)–The Art & Leadership Program (A&L) at the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum will present its annual Art Show on Friday, August 1, at the Santa Fe Community College (SFCC) Visual Arts Gallery with an opening celebration from 5:00 PM–7:00 PM.

"The Art & Leadership Art Show is our capstone project that showcases not only the work of our students, but the work of our A&L leads, interns, teaching artists, and

community partners," Grace Almanza, Manager of Youth and Family Learning at the Museum, said. "We are thrilled to return to Santa Fe Community College after deeper collaboration with the school of Art and Design this year."

The show will feature student work created during the camp including sculptures, print making, watercolors, collage, ceramics, micaceous clay, fused glass, and large-scale murals which were facilitated by teaching artist Mia Calsi. The murals, painted onto doors used in the Museum's Creativity Studio, were created in



Pictured: The 2024 Art and Leadership Show at the Santa Fe Community College Visual Arts Gallery.

collaboration with the Museum's Art to G.O. Program and will be on display at the Art Show.

The Art & Leadership Program, now in its 27<sup>th</sup> year, is a free summer camp for middle school youth. The program was created as an homage to Georgia O'Keeffe's lifelong passion for education and learning. The program is designed to address the gap in artistic development between elementary and high school while focusing on independent thinking, building self-esteem, and strengthening self-respect. Museum staff, program leaders, interns, and teaching artists lead the program, offering children an oasis of positive support and encouragement.

The Art Show, which is supported by longtime-funder Century Bank, will be presented at the SFCC Visual Arts Gallery for the second consecutive year as construction of the New O'Keeffe Museum campus continues in downtown Santa Fe.

"The Visual Arts Gallery has welcomed our students and their work with generosity, and we are excited to return to the venue again this year," Angie Chandler, Director of Learning and Engagement at the Museum, said. "Our gratitude for Linda Cassel, Director of Art on Campus at SFCC, and her staff is immense as they have gone above and beyond this year, welcoming our students onto campus for ceramics workshops and the Art Show. These future artists have benefitted greatly from their knowledge and expertise."

The SFCC Visual Arts Gallery is in the Fine Arts Center on campus, 6401 Richards Ave in Santa Fe. The Art and Leadership Student Art Show will be on display through August 20. More information about the Art & Leadership Program at the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum can be found <u>here</u>. More information about the Visual Arts Gallery at Santa Fe Community College can be found <u>here</u>.

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**ABOUT THE GEORGIA O'KEEFFE MUSEUM:** Since 1997, the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum celebrates the art, life, and independent spirit of Georgia O'Keeffe. Located in Santa Fe, New Mexico, where Georgia O'Keeffe lived the final decades of her life, the O'Keeffe has sites and experiences in two historic destinations, Santa Fe and Abiquiú. For more information, please visit gokm.org

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