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**CHARLES FARRELL AWARDED FIRST PLACE**  
**ART OF JAZZ: THE FRANK SCOTT MEMORIAL ART SHOW**

GoggleWorks' artist Charles Farrell's assemblage, "Syncopation" received first prize in the 11<sup>th</sup> annual Frank Scott Memorial Art Show: *The Art of Jazz*, a juried exhibition. Seventy-eight artists entered a record 133 works for consideration this year, from which Juror Kristen T. Woodward chose 57 pieces to be included in exhibition. Berks County students have 17 works of art included in a companion exhibition in the Café Gallery.

"It's a daunting task to be faced with making inevitable selections necessary for a single exhibit from a great body of work," shared Woodward. "In addition to seeing evidence of the theme through subject matter or visual movement, I also looked for works that had a palpable artistic vision. Originality of communication was considered alongside the idea of sincerity or authenticity."

GoggleWorks Artist Birdie Zoltan received second place for her mixed-media sculpture "Notions of a Harp;" Zoltan also received the inaugural "Musician's Choice Award" as chosen by world renowned bass player Gerald Veasley. Third place was awarded to Allentown artist Ely Molloy for his portrait "Miles." In addition to those prizes, Woodward named Honorable Mentions for artists Cheryl Elmo, Amy Forsyth, Kate Perkins, Amy Schade, and Elaine Soltis. Hamburg High student Jasmine McNeill's painting was the only student work that was also chosen for the main exhibition.

This year's exhibit is being presented by the GoggleWorks Center for the Arts in their Cohen Galley East in honor of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Boscov's Berks Jazz Fest. The exhibit runs March 20 – April 26; there will be a meet-the-artists reception on Sunday, April 12, during the Berks Jazz Fest as part of the Second Sunday activities at GoggleWorks. GoggleWorks is located at 201 Washington Street, Reading.

Karen Haver, Berks Arts Council Executive Director, commented, "I'm so impressed with the caliber and diversity of work received for this show! We are grateful to GoggleWorks for presenting this show in the main gallery and the work done by Ms. Woodward in choosing work to create a beautiful, united exhibition."

"The Frank Scott Memorial Art Show: *The Art of Jazz*" and the Frank Scott Memorial award were founded during the 2005 Berks Jazz Fest by Berks Arts Council, along with local businessman and artist Jerry Holleran. The Frank Scott Memorial events honor legendary local jazz musician Frank Scott and are made possible through the generous support of the JerLyn Foundation.

The mission of Berks Arts Council, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, is to cultivate, promote and support the arts in our community through collaboration, education, and presentation.

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