

Local students' art hits the walls of Kelowna Art Gallery

Art in Action: Kaleidoscope

March 14 to June 21, 2026

Thomas A. Budd Gallery at the Kelowna Art Gallery

March 19, 2026 – Kelowna, BC: From the back of the classroom to the spotlight of a professional gallery, the work of local students is taking center stage once again. This year, the **Kelowna Art Gallery** and **Central Okanagan Public Schools** celebrate a major milestone: 40 years of bringing student masterpieces out into the gaze of the public in the annual *Art in Action* exhibition.

“Reaching the 40th anniversary of this partnership is a profound testament to the creative spirit thriving within our community's schools,” says **Nataley Nagy**, Executive Director at the Kelowna Art Gallery. “Providing a professional platform for these young artists not only validates their hard work but allows the entire region to witness the incredible depth of talent and the unique perspectives held by our local youth.”

Young artists from across the Central Okanagan in Grades 9 to 12 were invited to participate in this landmark edition of the exhibition. Nearly 100 individual artworks have been assembled, creating a vibrant "kaleidoscope" of perspectives for visitors to explore.

The theme, *Kaleidoscope*, was chosen to symbolize change, transformation, and the power of perspective. Much like the optical instrument itself, the exhibition represents how life's experiences, both triumphs and challenges, can be reframed to create new patterns and meanings. It serves as a visual metaphor for the interconnectedness of individual student voices coming together to create a diverse and complex whole.

An **Exhibition Reception** will be held on **Friday, April 10, 2026**, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at the Kelowna Art Gallery. Many of the artists will be in attendance. It is free and open for the public to attend.

Art in Action: Kaleidoscope runs until June 21, 2026, in the Thomas A. Budd Gallery at the Kelowna Art Gallery.

The Kelowna Art Gallery is located at 1315 Water Street in the heart of Kelowna's Culture District. For more information, visit kelownaartgallery.com or call 250-762-2226.

About the Kelowna Art Gallery

The Kelowna Art Gallery engages, inspires, and enriches the community it serves through the exhibition, collection, and interpretation of visual art. Work by Canadian artists, both historical and contemporary, are presented in five distinct exhibition spaces. The Kelowna Art Gallery is invested in the idea that art helps to bring people together; and that life is simply better with art in it. Programs for people of all ages and backgrounds help to instill confidence in ones' creativity and to foster meaningful dialogue on matters important to Canadians.

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