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## MTA INVITES YOUNG ARTISTS TO PARTICIPATE IN MURAL AND POSTER COMPETITION

The MTA is inviting young artists to present proposals for murals and drawings to be displayed on MTA buses as part of a travelling exhibit throughout Los Angeles County.

Residents of Los Angeles County between the ages of 13 and 23 are eligible. The artwork can be created using ink, pastel, aerosol, airbrush, acrylic, watercolor or any other two-dimensional media.

Prizes include placement of the artwork on MTA buses and tuition reimbursements or art supplies.

"This art competition is the symbol of another partnership between the MTA and the youth of Los Angeles County," said Richard Alatorre, MTA chairman and Los Angeles City councilman. "The competition will engage youngsters in positive activities for the betterment of transportation and beautification of our city."

"The Young Artists Program is an important component of the MTA's graffiti abatement effort," said Franklin White, MTA chief executive officer. "The program was developed by thirty young people coordinated by MTA maintenance personnel and ART Program staff, to recognize local artistic talent as well as to provide role models and positive alternatives to tagging," he added.

The deadline for presentation of the proposals is Tuesday, May 31. For information please call (213) 244-7ART.

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