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Tombow Announces 2021 Art Scholarship Recipients

ATLANTA – Two promising art students have been awarded Tombow’s Create Your Best Work Art Scholarship for the 2021-2022 academic year.

Upon reviewing all applications, the judging panel named Jordan Smajstria, a recent graduate of Boerne Samuel V Champion High School in Texas, as the \$5,000 grand prize scholarship winner; along with Maya Pinz, a student at Columbus College of Art and Design, as the \$2,500 runner-up.

This year’s panel of judges included Thomas Burns, Professor of Illustration at the Savannah College of Art and Design; Tim Jeffs, a Creative Director in publishing as well as author/illustrator and graduate of the Parsons School of Design; and Clara Lieu, Adjunct Professor at the Rhode Island School of Design. The judges evaluated each applicant’s submissions on composition and design, skill and technique, creativity and originality, and craftsmanship and presentation.

“I am honored to receive this scholarship and am also excited to use the products to continue making more art in the future,” said grand prize winner Jordan Smajstria.

In addition to their scholarships, each student will receive \$500 worth of Tombow products to use in the coming academic year, and the art departments of the high schools they graduated from will also receive a \$500 package of Tombow products.

“We are proud to play a part in helping art students pursue their dreams,” said Tombow’s Chief Marketing Director Cathy Daniel. “It is exciting to see the next generation of creatives using our products as they as they work to achieve their career goals.”

Five additional students will receive product-only awards in the amount of \$100. The students receiving those awards are Evelyn Tan, a rising junior at Rhode Island School of Design; Janice Park, a rising sophomore at Ringling College of Art and Design; Max Stockdale, a rising sophomore at Carnegie Mellon University; Sasha Bass, a rising freshman at Pratt Institute; and Katharine Doescher, a recent homeschool graduate.

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