



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
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Young Emerging Artists Debut New Work at Local Coffeehouse

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Phoenix partner with A Shot of Java to present new art and raise money for the Clubs.

(Phoenix, April 28, 2014) Every artist has to start somewhere — Van Gogh in the Belgian countryside, Monet on the beaches of Normandy, Clarissa Alvarez at A Shot of Java in Glendale. On May 2, Clarissa and other developing artists from twelve Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Phoenix locations will debut their work in a group show at A Shot of Java.

The show will feature pieces submitted to the Boys & Girls Clubs of American National Fine Arts contest, an annual program that judges artists' achievements in various mediums. The pieces exhibit a great range of styles from painting and pastels to collage to mixed media with diverse themes from portraits to wildlife to social commentary.

“Displaying the kids’ art in a public exhibition like this is a great way to fulfill the senses of belonging and competence built into the Club’s programs,” says Program Manager Russ Kazmierczak. “And Lisa Dowd [owner of A Shot of Java] has been so supportive of our art program — we’re so happy to team up with her again.”

Last year, the café partnered with the Swift Kids Branch of BGCMP for a fine art and photography exhibition. This year the show expands to include artists from all 12 Club locations.

The event runs from 5pm-7pm at A Shot of Java (7003 N. 58th Ave, Glendale, 85301). A portion of the café’s sales will benefit the Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Phoenix.

About Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Phoenix

Since 1946, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Phoenix has empowered all youth—especially those who need us most - to reach their full potential as caring, productive, responsible citizens. Each year, 22,000 youth benefit from our life-changing programs and services at 12 Clubhouses, outreach programs in local schools, juvenile detention centers and Dental Clinic. Visit www.bgcmp.org for more information.

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