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**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF BUFFALO'S
ANNUAL YOUNG ARTIST FINE ART EXHIBIT**

WHEN: Thursday, January 21, 2016
4:00-6:00 pm

WHERE: CEPA Art Gallery
617 Main Street, Buffalo, NY

WHAT: Boys & Girls Clubs of Buffalo & Griffis Sculpture Park

Buffalo, January 14, 2016 – The Boys & Girls Club of Buffalo is one of thousands of Clubs across the country joining in a search to identify talented young artists. The competition is part of Boys & Girls Clubs of America's (BGCA) National Fine Arts Exhibit, a comprehensive initiative promoting young people's creativity, and encouraging artistic skills and cultural enrichment.

As a participant in the National Fine Arts Exhibit program, the Boys & Girls Club of Buffalo may submit members' artwork in four age divisions and 10 categories, including watercolor, pastel, oil, acrylic and collage. Selected artwork will be screened at the regional level and a limited number will be sent to BGCA's Atlanta headquarters for judging at the national level.

This year, Sean Donaher, Executive Director CEPA Gallery, Mark and Nila Griffis will select the pieces that will go on to compete regionally.

Nationally, Thirty-seven winners are chosen and their artwork displayed at special events throughout the year. Winning artists will also receive engraved plaques and letters of congratulations from BGCA President and CEO Jim Clark. Regional finalists will receive a certificate of participation.

"Exposure to the arts results in so much more than items to display. Research has shown that children who are exposed to the arts carryover those lessons into other facets, such as math, problem solving and reading, as well as grow their appreciation for cultural differences. Art plays an integral part of our STEAM program curriculum." Shari McDonough, Chief Professional Officer

About the Boys & Girls Clubs of Buffalo

Our Mission is to provide a safe & stable experience that assures success is within reach of all our members – that they graduate from high school with plans for their futures & that they are living healthy lifestyles. Today with a focus on academic success, career development and leadership and building healthy youth and families, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Buffalo truly is the place where Great Futures Start. We have an annual membership of over 3,900 young people who range from 5-18 years of age. Every day, caring, professional staff seek to enrich the lives of girls and boys. We are dedicated to ensuring that our community's disadvantaged youngsters have greater access to quality programs and services that will enhance their lives and shape their futures.