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San Antonio Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission Announces Winner of Inaugural Artwork Contest



SAN ANTONIO (November 18, 2015) – The City of San Antonio Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission is excited to announce the winner of the Commission’s inaugural contest for the selection of the official artwork for the 2016 citywide commemoration. The winning piece, “Let Freedom Ring,” by Amber Medina will be used as the visual representation of the 2016 theme: “King Week San Antonio: Uniting Communities to Advance Humanity.” Medina is a 14-year-old student at the Healy-Murphy Center in San Antonio.

“In a world of chaos and social injustice, in a world of inequalities where not all lives matter, my art titled ‘Let Freedom Ring,’ is a call to all to be on fire for freedom and justice for all,” said Medina.

As the winning artist, Medina will receive public recognition as the creator of the official 2016 commemoration artwork, and receive two all-access passes to all Official 2016 MLK, Jr. Commission events. Medina was selected by a panel of community judges that included local artists, as well as representatives from the Commission, the City of San

Antonio and Sinclair Broadcast Group – the Commission’s official television media partner.

“Amber’s winning artwork not only conveys the spirit of Dr. King’s principles, but of the Commission’s theme of ‘Uniting Communities to Advance Humanity.’ We are proud to showcase the artwork of this talented, young local artist as part of King Week 2016,” said Brandon Logan, Chair of the San Antonio Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission.

Since 1987, the City of San Antonio has celebrated the life and legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. with an annual series of events leading up to one of the largest marches in the country honoring Dr. King. The 2016 March and Commemorative Program will take place on Monday, Jan. 18, 2016. The San Antonio Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission organizes the march and leads the community effort on a series of official events that pay tribute to Dr. King.

King Week 2016 will include several days of educational and cultural programming in locations throughout San Antonio, with a key focus on diversity, inclusion and education. The Commission is also focusing on significantly increasing scholarship giving for local students.

For more information on the City of San Antonio’s Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission, visit www.sanantonio.gov/mlk.



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