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St. Martin de Porres School student artwork on display at the Velvet Olive until the end of April

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St. Martin de Porres School is delighted to invite the community of Red Deer to an ongoing art exhibition featuring unique creations by the school's Grade 4 and 5 students. This special display, hosted at the Velvet Olive in downtown Red Deer, showcases approximately 90 pieces of art in two showings, all available for purchase. The exhibition featuring works from Red Deer Catholic Regional School's fine arts school started at the beginning of March and will run until the end of the month. All proceeds from the exhibition will benefit local charities.

Grade 4 students embarked on a boutique art project, beginning with a piece of white fabric which was transformed using wax stamping and dyeing techniques. After the wax was removed, students added a layer of hand-cut stencils, applying acrylic paint to create vibrant foregrounds. Meanwhile, Grade 5 students explored the beauty of nature and self-expression through mixed media portraits and floral designs. This year, the students have taken an active role in selecting which local charities will benefit from the sale of their artwork.

"Our students have not only created beautiful works of art but have also learned the valuable lesson of giving back to the community. This project has allowed them to explore their creativity while making a tangible difference," said Lana Kostenuk, Grade 4 teacher and the school's visual arts specialist.

"We are immensely proud of our young artists and philanthropists. The collaboration and dedication displayed by our students are truly inspirational. We thank the Velvet Olive for providing a platform to showcase their talents and the Red Deer community for their continued support," added Dorice de Champlain, St. Martin de Porres School Principal.

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The school encourages everyone to visit the exhibition before it concludes. This is a unique opportunity to support the creative endeavours of young artists and contributes to worthwhile causes within the community.

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