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Not Just Plane Art

Department of Aviation continues a proud tradition of including student artwork in its terminal facilities

Local children's artwork will be displayed when McCarran International Airport opens Terminal 3 in 2012. Nearly 33,000 elementary, middle and high school students from across Clark County submitted vibrant depictions of planes, trains and automobiles as part of the Children's Art Program sponsored by the Clark County Department of Aviation, the Clark County School District and architecture firm PGAL. The 10 winning artists will be individually recognized by the Board of County Commissioners and aviation and school officials on Tuesday, May 20 at the Clark County Government Center, located at 500 S. Grand Central Parkway. The ceremony will be held in the Commission Chambers beginning at 9:15 a.m.

Department of Aviation staff had a difficult task of selecting only 10 images to be displayed at the future terminal's tram station. "We are so impressed by the talented young artists that participated in the Children's Art Program," said Rosemary A. Vassiliadis, deputy director of aviation. "It's truly an honor to continue a tradition of showcasing children's work in our airport."

Renowned artist Robert Silvers will use the thousands of other images submitted to graphically recreate the 10 winning images through the digital art form of photomosaics. The final images will be presented on glass panels measuring 8 feet by 16 feet, mounted just off the wall and backlit to create an artfully-inspired experience for passing travelers.

"McCarran International Airport is the gateway for nearly half of the 40 million visitors that descend on Las Vegas each year," said Rory Reid, chairman of the Board of County Commissioners. "Travelers from every corner of the world will see the extraordinary work of our valley's talented young men and women."

Construction of the new terminal building is under way and will complete the final build-out of McCarran International Airport. The \$1.8-billion Terminal 3 complex will include its own parking garage, ticketing counters, and baggage claim facilities, and will be connected to the airport's D Concourse by an underground automated transit system and moving walkway. The terminal will add 14 new aircraft gates that will accommodate both domestic and international air carriers, boosting McCarran's total gate inventory to 118.

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