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## A Look at Diversity with Embracing Our Differences

The annual outdoor exhibit at Bayfront Park brings together works from around the world.

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Booker High student Carly Stafford's winning *Hear No Evil, See No Evil, Speak No Evil*.

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If you somehow have not yet strolled Sarasota's Bayfront Park to take in this season's Embracing Our Differences artworks, what are you waiting for?

There's still time; the 45 billboard-sized works, each accompanied by an inspirational quote, will remain on view through May 31.



May we fight through the pain  
and come together to cope  
May we conquer hate's reign  
and never lose hope

*Pulse, Pride, Hope*, by Dylan Cacador of Smithfield, Rhode Island.

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The annual juried outdoor exhibit, which celebrates and promotes diversity, received more than 20,000 entries from 115 countries and 48 states before winners were chosen for display. Students from 204 schools around the world submitted artworks or quotes; 49 of this year's winners were students, with 33 of those from local schools—including Best-in-Show Student award winner Carly Stafford, a senior at Booker High, for her work *Hear No Evil, See No Evil, Speak No Evil*. Best-in-Show Adult winner was Dylan Cacador of Rhode Island for his work entitled *Pulse, Pride, Hope*, reflecting on the tragedy of the mass shooting at the Pulse Night Club. The exhibit's winning inspirational quote: Sarasota Middle sixth-grader Jessica Ritchie's, "If you don't fit into a scene, always remember there's a bigger picture."



*Kindness Matters*, by Judith Carlin, New York, N.Y.

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*Positive Difference* by Anamika Brattacharya of Bangalore, India.  
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*Strength Lies in Our Differences*, by student Rasa Pamedyite of Kolding, Denmark.  
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Let the examples from Embracing Our Differences shown here whet your appetite for a walk in the park. [And for more information about the show and the mission of the organization, click here.](#)