

Embracing our Differences artwork on display at Bayfront Park

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SARASOTA - If beauty is in the eye of the beholder, then there's plenty to admire at Sarasota's Bayfront Park. 45 billboard sized works of art went up as part of the 16th annual 'Embracing our Differences' contest.

"It's an international art exhibit and it's all around the theme of enriching lives through diversity and inclusion, we have many different ideas represented here," executive director Sarah Wertheimer said.

The juried exhibit blends both inspirational artwork and thought provoking quotes. With over 11 thousand worldwide entries, many local artists were selected to have their works put on display at the outdoor exhibition.

"We're very proud that our community is such a big participant of this exhibit," Wertheimer said.

Awards were given out for Best-in-Show and People's Choice. Adult and student winners received cash prizes which students split with their school's art program. The exhibit hopes to use the power of art and language to make you stop and think.

The free exhibit runs through March 15. The organization hopes the artwork helps create awareness over sensitive social issues and use creativity to unite our differences.