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Bravo Award - Designed by Artist Bill Crutchfield

Crescenta Valley High School Awarded Prestigious BRAVO AWARD

Crescenta Valley High School was honored March 2, 2005, with the prestigious ***BRAVO Award*** from the Los Angeles Music Center. The annual award, established in 1982 by the Performing Arts Center of Los Angeles County, is given to art instructors, teachers and schools with a heavy emphasis on the arts.

The Music Center of Los Angeles County announced the 23rd Bravo Award winners honoring exemplary arts education at a gala dinner at the Crystal Ballroom of the Millennium Biltmore Hotel, Los Angeles, Tuesday, March 1. The Bravo Awards honor a school, an arts specialist working directly in an arts field and a general classroom teacher who integrates the arts in all subject areas.

Crescenta Valley High School and Viewpoint School in Calabasas tied for the school award and each received a \$5,000 award provided by Robinsons-May. Karen Teeter, a theatre teacher from John H. Francis Polytechnic High School in Sun Valley won the arts specialist award and Cathy Paulson of Tulsa Street Elementary School in Granada Hills won the generalist award. Each teacher received \$4,000. All winners received a Bravo sculpture designed by artist Bill Crutchfield.

This year, the Bravo Award program had its largest number of participants: 28 schools and 54 teachers totaling 82 nominations from throughout Los Angeles County. All nominees, finalists and winners received prizes including performance tickets and educational materials.

What is the BRAVO Award?

The Bravo Award was established by the Music Center Education Division in 1983 to recognize teachers and schools for creativity, innovation and excellence in arts education.

The Bravo Award honors educators and schools for excellence in all of the arts disciplines. Three Bravo Awards are presented: one to a school, one to an arts specialist teacher and one to a general classroom teacher. Bravo Award winners use the arts to revitalize teaching, enhance academic achievement and foster self-esteem, teamwork and cross-cultural communication and understanding.

The winners receive a BRAVO sculpture and cash awards which have been raised this year to \$ 4,000 for each winning teacher and \$ 10,000 for the winning school. All nominees, finalists and winners receive prizes including books, tickets to performances, and educational opportunities.

The BRAVO Process

Nominees must submit a completed application which is then reviewed by a committee of educators, artists and arts specialists. A point ranking system is used to select the top tier of applicants. A panel of judges chooses three to four finalists from each category and visits their classrooms and determines the BRAVO Award winners. The names of the finalists will be announced two weeks before the BRAVO gala so that everyone has the opportunity for equal press coverage. Getting the word out about the value of arts education and spotlighting great educators is a large part of the BRAVO mission.

If you would like more information about the BRAVO Award, please go to the La Music Center's website covering the BRAVO AWARD at:

http://musiccenter.org/education/bravo_about.html

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