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Hartsfield-Jackson Airport and Delaware North Launch Online Student Art Auction

Auction to raise funds for arts programs at six local high schools; artwork on display in Concourse D

ATLANTA – Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport officials and executives from Delaware North Companies Travel Hospitality Services launched today an online auction featuring the artwork of metro Atlanta high school students. Travelers can view the 14 original pieces of art on display at the midpoint area of Concourse D.

"Hartsfield-Jackson Airport is not only a hub for travel, but we are also a strong community partner," said Hartsfield-Jackson general manager Louis Miller. "Our innovative collaboration with Delaware North will enable us to celebrate the creative talents of our youth, share their artwork with millions of travelers at the busiest passenger airport in the world, and raise the necessary funds for art programs at these local schools."

The new art installation is part of a fundraising effort by Hartsfield-Jackson and Delaware North. Delaware North supplied six area high schools with canvases, paints and brushes, instructing the young artists to simply express themselves. The participating schools are: Tri-Cities High School, Langston Hughes High School, Maynard H. Jackson High School, Westlake High School, North Atlanta High School and North Clayton High School.

All of the art supplies were purchased locally in Atlanta at Utrecht, and local delivery service Ship 'n Pax was used for transportation.

“Our goal with this project is to provide much-needed funds for art supplies within high schools,” said Matt King, president of Delaware North. “It’s all part of Delaware North’s commitment to serve the communities in which we do business.”

With construction of new restaurants in Concourse D currently underway, temporary walls were erected inside the terminal. The local Atlanta students’ paintings were recently put on display on the walls, and this month, the paintings will be auctioned off to the highest bidder with all proceeds going to the students’ respective schools.

Starting bids range from \$100-\$200, or interested parties can choose to “buy now” for \$10,000. The auction itself will take place online at www.DNCforthearts.org.

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Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport

Hartsfield-Jackson is the world’s busiest airport, serving more than 95 million passengers annually with nonstop service to 160 U.S. destinations and nearly 70 international destinations in more than 45 countries. The Airport is a frequent recipient of awards of excellence for concessions, operations, architectural engineering and construction – including the 2013 Global Efficiency Excellence Award from the Air Transport Research Society (for more information, go to www.atrsworld.org), 2013 Project of the Year, Architectural Category for the Maynard H. Jackson Jr. International Terminal from the American Association of Airport Executives Southeast chapter (for more information, go to www.secaaae.org) and the 2012 Best Airport in North America, Business Travel Award from the Business Traveler Magazine (for more information, go to www.businesstravelerusa.com). ATL is undergoing more than \$6 billion worth of capital improvements, which include a new, energy-efficient rental car center, a gold LEED certified international terminal which opened to the general public on May 16, 2012 (for more information, go to www.atlanta-airport.com/internationalterminal/) and aesthetic and functional upgrades to its concourses, people movers and parking services. For more information, go to www.atlanta-airport.com. Check out the Airport’s YouTube channel by visiting <http://www.youtube.com/AtlantaHartsfield>, follow

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