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MEDIA ALERT
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Afterschool Arts Showcase at the Mattress Factory Features Visual Art from More Than 450 Propel Student-Artists

WHAT: Propel's third annual *Afterschool Arts Showcase* at the Mattress Factory features visual art created by more than 450 student-artists enrolled in Propel's award-winning afterschool program. The artists, across grades K-12 at Propel schools, will be present to talk to attendees about their art.

More than 500 pieces of art will be showcased in 13 exhibits, curated by Propel artist-in-residence Mary Collins, including photography, ceramics, prints, woodworking, stone carving, sculptures, fiber art, storytelling, musical theater and trashion (fashion made from trash).

Propel strongly believes in the arts and continues to emphasize arts education when many school districts are facing budget cuts. All Propel students engage in 50 minutes a day of creative or fine arts programming. Afterschool art activities further enhance this experience.

This project is generously supported in part by Massey Charitable Trust.

WHEN: **Thursday, May 11, 2017, 6-8 p.m.**

WHERE: Mattress Factory
505 Jacksonia St.
Pittsburgh, PA 15212

NOTE TO MEDIA:

Media are invited to attend. To make arrangements for photos or interviews, please email Kelly Wall at kellywall@propelschools.org.



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