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## ***Mayor's Youth Art Showcase 2008***

***Deadline for All Entries is December 19***

The Mayor's Youth Art Showcase and the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Humanitarian Awards hosted by the City of El Paso Parks and Recreation Department will be at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 13 at a new home for the event, on the first floor of City Hall at the People's Gallery.

The Mayor's Showcase, now in the 8<sup>th</sup> year is an avenue to honor teenage and professional artists in the community as they depict their images of Dr. King in their drawings and paintings.

In addition to the Showcase event, the Martin Luther King Jr. Humanitarian Award will be awarded to two teens and one adult that have displayed an act of kindness or heroism towards another person and nomination forms are available at the Leona Ford Washington Center at 3400 E. Washington.

Mayor John Cook will handle the award ceremony to honor the artists and Humanitarian Award winners at this free event which is open to the public. Special thanks to the Museum and Cultural Affairs Department for their valued support of this event. For more information contact Eliseo Duran at 533-3311.

