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FOX 61 and CW20 to broadcast Connecticut Association of Schools Virtual Arts Banquet

Cheshire, CT-- Two hundred ninety-six standout senior artists will take center stage this weekend with the broadcast of the Connecticut Association of Schools (CAS) Virtual Arts Banquet airing Sunday, June 7 at 12 p.m. on FOX61 with a re-airing at 7:30 p.m. on CW20. The 30-minute special will honor accomplished senior artists for their achievements as selected by 148 schools.

The program will feature many elements of the annual CAS High School Arts Banquet which could not be held in person this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The virtual banquet will recognize each honoree by name, and if submitted, with a photograph of the student artist or the honoree's work. Viewers are encouraged to share support for the honorees during the program on social media using #CASArts with some comments being featured on CAS social media platforms.

FOX61 Morning News Anchor Tim Lammers will serve as emcee of the event, which will feature a keynote address from Connecticut based artist Hong Hong, congratulatory messages from other Connecticut artists and a profile of Connecticut Heart of the Arts honoree Cristian Mestre from Bridgeport Central High School along with additional profiles of a variety of other student artists.

"We are pleased to partner with CAS to broadcast the Virtual Arts Banquet on both of our television stations," said Jon Hitchcock, Vice President and General Manager of FOX61/CW20. "The level of artistic talent in Connecticut is incredible, and each honoree deserves recognition for her or his extraordinary achievement."

Along with the airings on FOX61, and CW20, the program will be available after its conclusion on the CAS-CIAC YouTube page, the NFHS Network and CAS.CASCIAC.org.

The High School Arts Program annually honors two outstanding seniors from each of the member schools in the state who excel in the performing or visual arts. Excelling in the performing or visual arts is of primary importance in the selection, while scholarship and leadership are also supporting criteria. The full list of 2019-20 CAS Outstanding Arts Recipients can be found here: http://cas.casciac.org/?page_id=625.

The event is made possible by CAS partners Jostens, Horace Mann, and Liberty Bank.

About FOX61 and CW20

FOX61 is one of the nation's most highly rated FOX Network affiliates, providing Connecticut viewers with outstanding entertainment, news, sports and local event programming. FOX 61 News is the market leader in news, producing more news and winning more awards than any station in Connecticut. FOX 61 now airs more than 61 hours of local news and public affairs programming each week, more than any other market station. CW20, one of the top performing CW network affiliates in the U.S, delivers the best in off network and first-run syndicated programming, movies and sports. The station is home to the

Connecticut Lottery drawings and broadcasts major community events and sports including New York Yankees and Mets Baseball, Connecticut Sun Basketball, UConn Men's Ice Hockey and UConn Baseball.

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About the Connecticut Association of Schools (CAS)

Established in 1953, CAS is a non-profit organization working with Connecticut's school leaders to improve outcomes for students and help solve the challenges facing K-12 schools in the state. CAS' core mission - to promote excellence in the education of all students - is achieved through advocacy, professional development, recognition and student activities programs. CAS represents nearly 900 of the state's public and parochial schools and is affiliated with the National Association of Secondary School Principals, the Association for Middle Level Education, and the National Association of Elementary School Principals.

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