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Livable Buckhead Announces *Playing with Shadows on PATH400* Design Contest Winners
Finalists recognized, winning designs unveiled during community celebration for PATH400 opening

January 26, 2015 – ATLANTA – Livable Buckhead, the nonprofit organization leading the creation of PATH400, has unveiled the winning designs it received as part of the *Playing with Shadows on PATH400* art contest. Ten students from five Buckhead schools were honored on Jan. 24th for their creative work during a community event celebrating the opening of the first segment of PATH400, a planned 5.2-mile multi-use trail.

“The neat aspect of this project is that it came about as the result of design challenge we were facing,” said Denise Starling, executive director of Livable Buckhead. “We needed to install these metal panels, but we wanted them to look great, and that’s when we had the idea of getting students involved.”

A panel of judges reviewed more than 150 designs submitted by kindergarten through fifth-grade students, looking to see which were best suited to be replicated on six-foot-tall steel panels. Twenty-seven finalists were chosen, and 10 of those designs were selected for manufacturing and installation along the first phase of PATH400. Each panel is backed in different colored plexiglass, allowing sunlight to shine through and light the design from behind, casting colorful patterns on the trail.

“We couldn’t be more thrilled with the students’ designs and the way that they look installed along PATH400. Selecting just 10 to manufacture was incredibly difficult,” said Starling. “In fact, I hope that we are able to do additional panels in other locations on the trail so we can make use of some of the other really great, creative art work that we received.”

***Playing with Shadows* Winners (listed by school):**

Atlanta International School

Martin Oman, 3rd grade
Inca Valdivieso Wooldridge, 3rd grade
Nicole Goetz, 3rd grade

The Lovett School

Katie Maier, 5th grade

Pace Academy

Marielle Frooman, 5th grade

Will Moore, 3rd grade

Victoria Hadley, 4th grade

Isabelle Wihelm, 3rd grade

Sarah Smith Elementary

Caitlin Prichett, 5th grade

Whitefield Academy

Perry LeBlanc, 5th grade

Playing with Shadows Finalists (listed by school):

Atlanta International School

Patrick Parker, 3rd grade

Ellie Goldsmith, 3rd grade

Stuart Richardson, 3rd grade

Lauren Mazzawi, 3rd grade

Sofia Polar, 3rd grade

Amilcar Khalil, 3rd grade

Callum Francis, 3rd grade

Ryan Elchahal, 3rd grade

Hannah Conaway, 3rd grade

Letizia Striuli, 3rd grade

Pace Academy

Annie Marks, 3rd grade

Elizabeth Feagin, 4th grade

Sarah Smith Elementary

Andrew Hudson, 5th grade

Olivia Lazarou, 5th grade

Ahva Minina, 5th grade

Carson Bauer, 5th grade

Cherish Matias, 5th grade

Several art teachers at Buckhead schools adopted the contest as class projects, working with students to develop and submit designs. “We are particularly grateful to Joyce O’Brien with the Atlanta International School, Susan Edwards with Pace Academy and Terry Abromitis with Sarah Smith Elementary for their support of this project,” Starling added.

The Jan. 24th event kicked off with a community bike parade, followed by remarks from Atlanta City Council Member Howard Shook, who helped launch the planning effort that led to the creation of PATH400. Starling closed the event by presenting each of the finalists with a certificate of recognition and unveiling the winning art panels.

“I’d like to congratulate these students for their outstanding work and thank them for contributing their creativity and talent to PATH400,” said Shook. “This project is a great example of how greenspace can help build community engagement among residents of all ages.”

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About Livable Buckhead

Livable Buckhead, Inc. is a nonprofit organization that strives to ensure the long-term viability and prosperity of the Buckhead community. It does this by working cooperatively with individuals, public entities and private businesses to integrate into everyday life and business sustainable strategies that improve the environment and quality of life in the community. For more information about Livable Buckhead and its programs, visit www.livablebuckhead.org .