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Hip-Hop Culture Exhibit in University Union Gallery through Jan. 20

SAN LUIS OBISPO -- Associated Students, Inc. (ASI) Events presents an artistic journey exploring the world of hip-hop in the UU Gallery Jan. 5-20. The exhibit is free; hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

"Art - Officially Urban," a collection created by art and design senior Regina Nicolas, will offer an experience unlike any other. The work on display is a culmination of the influence hip-hop culture has had on Nicolas’ life.

"I love hip-hop: the history of it, the music from it, the people in it and the feeling it gives," said Nicolas. "I want to share that culture with others through my art."

Nicolas uses various media such as acrylic and cardboard to bring together the many elements of hip-hop, including graffiti, emcees, DJs and break dancers. She will also incorporate the history and philosophies associated with hip-hop in order to bring about more understanding of the culture. The purpose of the show is to involve viewers as a part of the culture and share with them the lifestyle behind it, Nicolas said.

"I hope this exhibit will show that hip-hop is more than just a type of music," Nicolas said. "Hopefully it will bring a greater appreciation to hip-hop as a culture."

On Monday, Jan. 9, graffiti artists will work to the sounds of a hip-hop DJ from 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. in the UU Plaza. The graffiti art will then be integrated into the exhibit in the UU Gallery. The show's opening reception will be held Tuesday, Jan. 10 from 6 - 8 p.m. in the UU Gallery located on the second floor of the University Union in the Epicenter. There will be refreshments and a musical performance by local jazz and hip-hop combo band Fused. The artist will be present for questions and discussion.

ASI Events regularly seeks out student art for display in the UU Gallery. All types of art are welcome.

For more information about this and other ASI Events art shows, contact Amy Whittaker, student supervisor of fine arts, at 756-6119 or e-mail uugallery@asi.calpoly.edu.

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