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**Bellevue Arts Museum hosts
“2007 Passing the Torch: Washington Statewide High School Jewelry
and Metals Exhibition”
May 5 – June 3, 2007**

Bellevue, WA – Bellevue Arts Museum is proud to host the *2007 Passing the Torch: Washington Statewide High School Jewelry and Metals Exhibition* opening on May 5, 2007. Sponsored by the Seattle Metals Guild, the fifth annual jewelry and metal sculpture exhibition will feature the creative and skillful work of high school students throughout Washington.

The annual competition is open to all high school students living in Washington State. Each year, students are given this unique opportunity to participate in a juried art competition. The competition requires all artwork to be original, created during the current academic year in a high school classroom, and to use The sculptures must be metal, the jewelry can be metal or alternative materials.

metal as the primary material. Each school can submit up to five entries (one entry per student), with approximately **60** pieces of artwork from seventeen schools expected to be shown.

Categorized as either Jewelry or Sculpture, this year’s artist submissions will be juried by three prominent northwest metalsmiths: Phillip Baldwin, Mary Hu, and Lynne Hull. The jurying will take place on Tuesday, May 1. Local and national suppliers and patrons have shown their support for this youth-oriented art competition by generously providing the prizes. Prizes will be awarded to the first, second, and third place winners, as well as the three honorable mentions in each category. There will be an awards ceremony held in the Forum of Bellevue Arts Museum on May 19 starting at 3 pm.

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Passing the Torch provides a unique, state-wide opportunity for the arts to enrich the lives of students – and potential future artists – through the education system.

Founded in 1989, the Seattle Metals Guild is a non-profit organization that strives to educate and support the jewelry and metal arts community of the region. For more information on the Seattle Metals Guild, visit their website at www.seattlemetalsguild.com.

Bellevue Arts Museum is the Pacific Northwest's center for the exploration of the fine art of craft and design. An emphasis is placed on regional craft artists as part of the national and international conversation on fine craft and design. Bellevue Arts Museum is located at 510 Bellevue Way NE, Bellevue, WA 98004. Main information line: (425) 519-0770 Website: www.bellevuearts.org
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