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South Dakotans for the Arts Day at the Legislature and Student's Capitol Art Show

South Dakotans for the Arts (SoDA) Day at the Legislature will highlight arts education in the Capitol Rotunda on Tuesday, February 14th from 11 AM to 1 PM.

The annual SoDA Day observance focuses attention on the importance of the arts in the lives of South Dakotans. The Children's Capitol Art Show occurs biennially opposite the Governor's Awards in the Arts.

The work of young South Dakota artists will be a big feature of SoDA Day. Over 120 pieces of art created by children from every Legislative District adorn tote bags, one for every Legislator, Governor Dugaard, Lt. Governor Michels, and all Department Secretaries.

"Teachers from every South Dakota legislative district assist in this arts advocacy project, showcasing the creativity of our young people and their own teaching skills," according to SoDA program director Shari Kosel. "The artwork will serve as a daily reminder to our legislators that the arts are an integral part of learning and living in South Dakota."

South Dakotans for the Arts is a nonprofit statewide membership organization, advancing the arts through service, education and advocacy.

To purchase a tote bag, please visit www.cafepress.com/sdarts or www.sdarts.org.

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Editor's note: For information on the student artist from your district, please email sharisoda@rushmore.com for artwork and details.