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Canyon Crest's Envision Conservatory goes global at ArtWalk

Each spring, ArtWalk draws more than 100,000 visitors to Little Italy to take part in San Diego's largest urban arts festival. This year Canyon Crest Academy's Digital & Fine Arts Conservatory students will participate in ArtWalk as part of the Art Miles Mural Project. This collaborative international project will unite artists from across the globe via mural making. The program's goal is to complete 12 themes in 12 miles of murals. Art Miles Murals seeks to promote peace by bringing people from around the world together to work on a barrier breaking project that speaks in all languages. Canyon Crest students will create work for ArtWalk's "Fairy Tale"- themed Mile of Murals.

Students are already hard at work developing ideas for the Fairy Tale Murals. Production will begin in mid-February under the artistic direction of CCA artist-in-residence, Patti Fox. "I believe that bringing my art students into collaborative experiences in the bigger world helps them grow as artists and global citizens," Fox says. "This will be a great project for our entire group of Digital/Final Arts Envision students and I look forward to orchestrating it."

Fox, a highly-regarded artist known for her brightly-colored, emotionally-charged paintings is the co-creator of CCA's Visual Arts Program. She has been involved in ArtWalk since 1998.

Canyon Crest Academy Digital & Fine Arts students beautify campus trash cans.

Canyon Crest's Fairy Tale Murals will be displayed April 28 and 29, during ArtWalk, at KidsWalk in Amici Park on Date Street, three blocks East of India Street.

In 2010, after traveling the world on display, an exhibition of all the mural panels will be wrapped around the Great Pyramids of Egypt. To date, 41,000 people from 100 countries have already completed more than 14,000 murals. Art Miles Murals have been displayed at the Museum of Natural History in New York City and in cities in Mexico, Spain, Austria, Lebanon, Egypt and in Hong Kong.

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More than 400 artists participated in ArtWalk 2006. The two-day annual event includes live music, entertainment, food vendors, children's activities and of course, lots of original art. For more information, visit www.artwalkinfo.com or www.cca-envision.org/