

Santa Fe Art Institute

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The Santa Fe Art Institute Presents
Youth Education & Outreach Exhibition and Panel Discussion

Graffiti Talks.

What: SFAI Youth Education & Outreach **Exhibition Opening & Panel Discussion**

Where: Collected Works Bookstore -- 202 Galisteo, Santa Fe

When: March 5, 2010 @ 6pm

How Much: Free!

Please join the Santa Fe Art Institutes' Youth Education & Outreach Program on March 5th at 6pm at Collected Works bookstore for the opening of the exhibition **Graffiti Talks**. The work in **Graffiti Talks** was created by the mentors, teachers, and students from the various SFAI youth programs. The work will be available for purchase and all proceeds will benefit the SFAI Youth Education & Outreach Program. At the opening event, there will be spoken word poetry, live hip-hop music, and a **panel discussion** on graffiti and the law. The panel will consist of four artists who have different relationships with graffiti art through their personal or business experiences. Future panel discussions will be held at Fine Arts for Children and Teens and Warehouse 21 with dates TBD. The exhibition will run through April 30th.

Panel Discussion Participants:

Joseph Sullivan is an attorney from Albuquerque, New Mexico who is an artist and has done research on the laws in Albuquerque pertaining to graffiti.

Slip 3 is a graffiti artist originally from the Bronx, New York who is one of the founding members of one of the most prolific graffiti crews from the late 70's and 80's. He now works with the city of Albuquerque.

Fuse (AWR) is a graffiti artist originally from Los Angeles, California where, in the late 80's, he started painting with an all-star crew of spray can artists AWR (Angels Will Rise). AWR crew, for the last two decades have been successful through their art worldwide.

Guadalupe (Perish) Vargas grew up in Albuquerque, New Mexico, where he was heavily involved with hip-hop culture. Through dance, art, and music, he has helped many troubled teens channel their energy and creativity in a more positive direction.

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