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'Prisoner of Love' Wins Golden Key

Cooper Middle student's sculpture receives award.

Libby Kalis, a 14-year-old at Cooper Middle School, will be presented with a Gold Key award from the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers on June 5 at New York City's Carnegie Hall.

Kalis's sculpture, "Prisoner of Love," was presented by art teacher Nadene Wright to the Alliance's Scholastic Art & Writing Award. The sculpture was sent to the Regional competition, where it won over 1,500 other entries, and then moved on to Nationals.

"My sculpture is a prisoner and the meaning behind it was a prisoner trying to break free from the stereotype that prisoners have no hearts," Kalis said. "On the sculpture itself, the prisoner had a heart on it. And attached to his shackle was a globe that he was trying to break free from."

Wright said Kalis is a dedicated student who often puts a lot of meaning into the art she creates.

"She's a creative child who is very active in her work," she said. "She is someone who is very focused on getting her point across."

Kalis hopes to be a painter when she grows up.

— ERICA WOHLLEBEN