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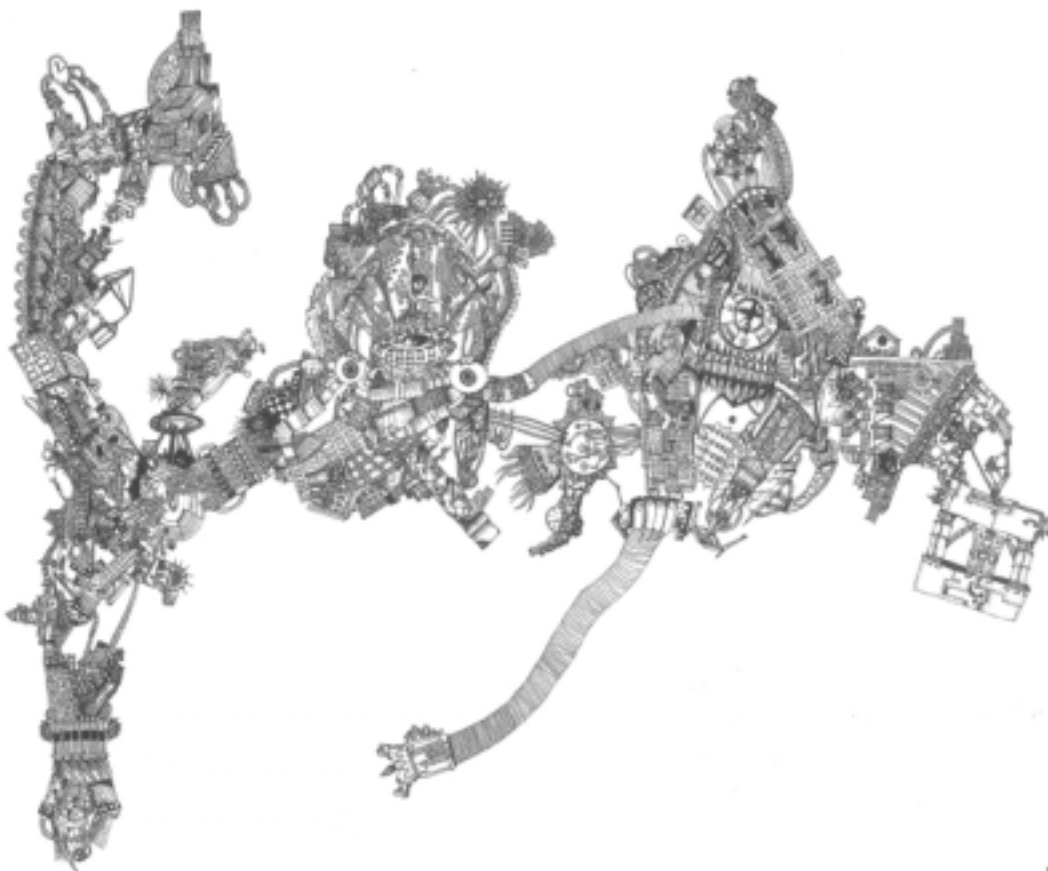
**SITE SANTA FE'S YOUNG CURATORS PRESENT:**

**CATALYST**

**An Exhibition at the New Mexico Museum of Art**

**Opening Reception: Friday, May 2, 2008, 5:00 – 7:00 pm**

Santa Fe, NM – **SITE Santa Fe's Young Curators** are pleased to present the fourteenth juried youth art exhibition, entitled ***Catalyst***, which will be on view at the New Mexico Museum of Art from May 2 – June 8, 2008. The public is invited to an **opening reception** with the **artists** and **Young Curators** on Friday, May 2, from 5 – 7 pm at the New Mexico Museum of Art, located at 107 West Palace Avenue. Refreshments will be served.



Astara Mills, *Untitled*, 2008, Pen on paper

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**Catalyst** presents provocative new works by high school students from Santa Fe and beyond. The Young Curators received an impressive outpouring of submissions, from which approximately 25 artists were selected. *Catalyst* asked artists to choose a piece of writing and make a visual work of art in response to it. The submissions included written inspirations ranging from poems, song lyrics, books, and quotes, both written by the artists themselves as well as by known authors. The exhibition will present works in all media, including painting, sculpture, photography, mixed media, and video pieces.

Once again, SITE Santa Fe's Young Curators, the New Mexico Museum of Art, and the Santa Fe Rotary Foundation for the Arts have combined their efforts to promote youth and art in our community. Three scholarships totaling \$4,500 will be awarded to high school seniors from northern New Mexico who are committed to pursuing careers in the visual arts. The second annual Rotary Foundation scholarship recipients will be announced at the *Catalyst* opening reception and presented at the Rotary's Distinguished Artists of the Year Dinner on May 10, 2008.

**The Young Curators** is a weekly after-school and summer program for high school students developed and facilitated by SITE Santa Fe's Education Department. The program's primary goals are to encourage teenagers' connection to contemporary art and provide a context for an exploration of the structure and production of exhibitions. The Young Curators learn the vast array of skills and procedures necessary for presenting a contemporary art exhibition. The process enhances critical thinking skills and exposes teens to a behind-the-scenes look at the various art institutions in Santa Fe. To learn more about joining the Young Curators program, or about upcoming exhibitions, please contact Katia Zavistovski at 505.989.1199, ext.19 or email at [katia@sitesantafe.org](mailto:katia@sitesantafe.org).

**The New Mexico Museum of Art** is located at 107 West Palace Avenue. Museum hours are Tuesday through Sunday 10am – 5pm, free on Friday evenings from 5pm – 8pm, and free on Sundays for New Mexico residents.

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