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Eight-Year-Old Lyndhurst Artist's Work to Be Displayed at NJMC Flyway Gallery

"The Wonders of the Universe" Exhibit Runs Dec. 10 through Jan. 23

LYNDHURST, N.J. – Eight-year-old Lyndhurst resident Gabriel Diaz in December will become the first elementary-school aged student to have his very own exhibit at the New Jersey Meadowlands Commission's (NJMC) Flyway Gallery. Diaz will introduce area residents to his artistic talents during the multi-media, wildlife-themed show, "The Wonders of the Universe." The show runs from Wednesday, Dec. 10, through Friday, Jan. 23. A reception is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 16, from 3 to 5 p.m.

"The Meadowlands Commission applauds Gabriel's dedication to his craft at such a young age and is pleased to highlight his work," said Marcia Karrow, Executive Director of the NJMC. "We invite everyone in the Meadowlands and beyond to see this special exhibit."

"The Wonders of the Universe" includes large-scale acrylics, oil pastels, drawings and sketches focusing on wildlife, including portraits of wild horses and eagles. Some of Gabriel's work measures as large as 5-feet-high by 4 ½-feet-wide. The exhibit also features art centered on astronomy. Gabriel creates his art in the hope of inspiring others to conserve wildlife and explore the universe. He has previously exhibited at the Dumbo Arts Festival in Brooklyn and at the Good Shepherd Church Arts for Kids show at the Williams Center in Rutherford.

The Flyway Gallery is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday excluding holidays. Directions to DeKorte Park can be found in the "About the NJMC" section of the Commission's website, www.njmeadowlands.gov, or by calling 201-777-2431.

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