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OLIVER MIDDLE STUDENT ART SHOWN IN NASHVILLE EXHIBIT

Thomais V. Moshopoulos will have three pieces of artwork exhibited at The Hotel Preston

NASHVILLE, SEPTEMBER 28, 2018 -- An Oliver Middle student, who recently arrived in Tennessee, will have her artwork exhibited at the Hotel Preston in Nashville starting next week.

Thomais V. Moshopoulos, a 10-year-old student with autism and dyslexia, has three pieces selected for exhibition during the show "We Are All Art" organized by Borderless Arts Tennessee.

Her brain tells her what to paint

The original pieces are the result of Thomais reacting to her instinct and desire to release what her brain sees. "Dreams of Brazil" was created early June when Thomais woke up at 5:30 a.m. and surprised her mother an hour later with vivid colors and a sense of accomplishment.

Thomais was developing like any other child and at 30 months she had a massive regression and autism became a part of her life. She stopped talking, lost fine and gross motor skills, had behavior crisis and many health problems. Art was always a release and an outlet for the family.

The years passed along with steps taken by the family to address the health issues, Thomais began to speak and be more engaged again, and she continued to create.

Yadira Calderon, mother, states: "Her creations are very emotional and can be very factual or abstract."

Validating her skills

Borderless Arts has empowering programs, such as the Teapot Diplomats, and they create opportunity thru diverse ability. "It is an honor to have her art be a part of this meaningful event. Thomais has decided to donate the sales of her creation to Borderless Arts," states Yadira.

The exhibit

The exhibit kicks off with a reception from 6 to 8 p.m. on Oct. 4. Tickets for the event are still available on EventBrite and cost \$10 each.

The exhibit itself after October 4 will be free to attend. The Hotel Preston is located at 733 Briley Parkway.

For more information about the event or Borderless Arts Tennessee, visit the group's website at www.borderlessartstn.org.

About **Autism: The Happy Kingdom**

Yadira V. Calderon and Thomais V. Moshopoulos organize parent panels, blog/vlog and participate in events throughout the country promoting autism awareness and action. Thomais attended the Autism Observance event at the United Nations in April 2018 (where she met Dakota Fanning!).