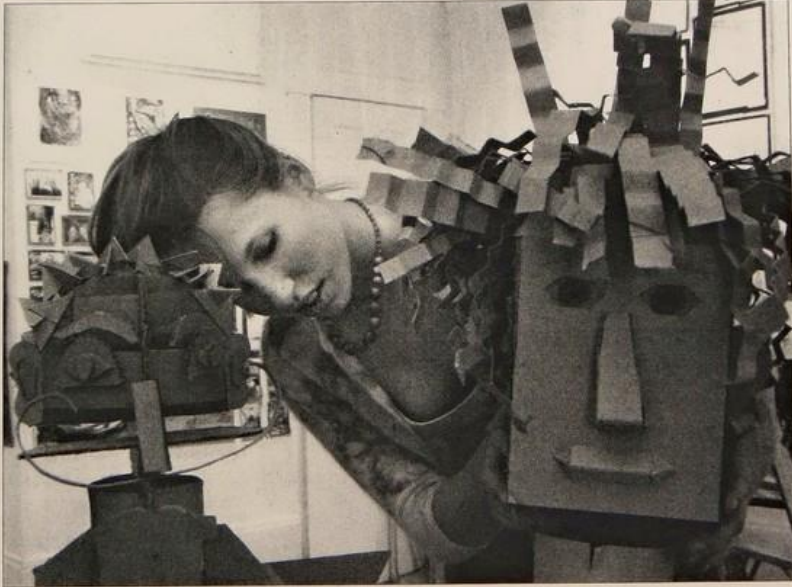




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Northampton High School senior Mariah Swanson hangs drawings for a student art show at the Northampton Center for the Arts.



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Lea Chiara, a senior at the high school, places a piece of art in the gallery.



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Rina L. Goldfield, an NHS senior, installs a piece of art for the show that runs through Wednesday.

## High school students' artwork on display

For the 15th year, artwork by Northampton High School students is hanging for public viewing as part of ArtsFest 2005.

The exhibit of around 50 students' work opened at the Northampton Center for the Arts Friday, and is on display through Wednesday.

This year, because teachers are involved in a work-to-rule union action protesting stalled contract talks, the show was mounted and organized by parents and student teachers helped students organize their artwork before work-to-rule took effect May 9.

It took a crew of about 10 parents and students three days last week put up the show.

In past years the show has been on display at Thornes art gallery, and at Northampton High School. Also this year, for the fifth year, a student performance that included 14 acts — dancers, solo singers, bands, comedy — drew an audience of about 150 people Friday night.

The show can be viewed at the Northampton Center for the arts today through 3 p.m. and Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The exhibit is a representation of students who have taken various art classes this year. The classes represented are foundations in art, drawing and painting, ceramics, sculpture, printmaking and bookmaking.