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Local Student Captures a Moment in Time on the California Coast

(San Francisco, June 13, 2011)—The poetry of a Mendocino County student will be included in an exhibit at the Ford House Museum running through September. Jade Marshall-Mobert, a 7th grader from Gualala, was honored for her poem, “Fog,” in the 2011 California Coastal Art & Poetry Contest for kindergarten through 12th grade students, presented by the California Coastal Commission.

Marshall-Mobert’s work is one of six poems and 27 pieces of art on display at the Ford House, culled from 2,272 entries submitted from around the state. Following this exhibit, the 2011 California Coastal Art & Poetry Contest will be shown at the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium in San Pedro and the Channel Islands National Park Visitor Center in Ventura Harbor.

“Jade’s poem evokes a feeling of stillness and isolation particular to a foggy night on the California coast. You can feel the cold, wet fog rolling in off the ocean,” says Annie Kohut Frankel, Education Coordinator with the California Coastal Commission.

The California Coastal Art & Poetry Contest is held annually to encourage youth to reflect on the beauty and spirit of California’s beaches and ocean. Through this effort the Commission endeavors to inspire a greater sense of appreciation and stewardship for these natural places, since a population that cares about the coast is more likely to conserve and protect it. For more information about the contest and the Commission’s other education programs, visit www.coastforyou.org or call 800-Coast4U. For information about the Ford House Museum, visit www.mendoparks.org or call (707) 937-5397. Ford House is located at 735 Main Street in Mendocino.

“Fog”

The white fog creeps
 From the cold sea
 Over the sleeping city
 Around the pale grey
 Tumbling towers
 And rambling houses
 Settles among the roofs and walls
 Along dark streets it crawls
 Curling like dreams
 Among the motionless trees
 And seems to freeze

The fog slips ghostlike
 Into a thousand rooms
 Whirling over sleeping faces
 Spinning in a transparent dance
 Around misty street lamps
 And blows in cloudy waves over open spaces
 And one form
 from his high window looking down
 Peering across at the white town
 Thinks his island tower
 Is a dream

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