



Marilynn Young, staff photographer

## Turning dreams into reality

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There is always something going on inside Elizabeth Metcalf's mind. Whether she's asleep or awake, flying images overtake her.

"It's kind of weird, the things that I see in dreams," Metcalf said. "I love dreaming. I want to share my dreams."

As an artist Metcalf's work is inspired by the things she sees in her dreams. With one of her recent paintings being nationally recognized, her images will be viewed by many.

Metcalf entered her piece "Opera" to ArtStamps, a national school fundraiser that turns student artwork into U.S. postage stamps. ArtStamps honored 20 students from across the country. Metcalf received top national honors for her piece.

Not only does the recognition benefit Metcalf, but her school as well. Once her art work was converted into a U.S. postage stamp, it is then sold to support the school.

### The recognition thrills Metcalf.

"It means a lot as an artist because not just the people that are close to you can see it. I get to share it with everybody in the United States."

Metcalf worked on her piece in her independent studies art class. Metcalf's recurring theme is the juxtaposition of scary and peaceful objects.

Her "Opera" piece shows a beautiful woman being asked to dance by a man who does not outwardly mesh with her.

"It's an illustration of beauty and scariness," Metcalf said. "I like incorporating scary with peaceful."

Metcalf is a junior and wants to major in art and business at California State University, Fullerton. She is planning to submit another art piece to ArtStamps next year.

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