Student art in Richmond has gone out on the streets to brighten the city and build support for arts programs.

 coverage by television, radio, and newspapers called attention to the billboards "blossoming" along city streets and was a source of pride to students, their families, and the greater school-community. Ten of the 21 students appeared on television programs and news segments on "Art in the Open." In the "Art Bus" project, 600 pieces of original art by Richmond Public School students were exhibited on the interior advertising spaces of 25 city buses. The project, also a cooperative venture, was the brainchild of an organizer of "June Jubilee," a visual and performing arts festival held annually the first weekend in June in downtown Richmond. City buses advertised the event six weeks prior to the festival.

Bringing art outdoors has informed the public about the arts programs in the schools and recognized the work of young artists throughout the city. It has also communicated the joy of self-expression and generated excitement for arts education in Richmond schools.

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