



Women in the Arts Inc.
“Celebrating the Genius of Women”
A 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization

February 17, 2016

PR Announcement

Re: 2016 “*Celebrating the Genius of Women*” Art Competition

The following artists were selected to be in this year’s annual art competition and recognition events at the Orlando Public Library. The exhibition opens March 8 through April 24, 2016. The *Meet the Artist* gallery walk and awards reception is March 26 at 3:30 PM. All events are free and open to the public.

Finalists | Local Artists

A collection of work from the following artists was selected.

Congratulations!

Women in Architecture Orlando

Acrylics and mixed media

Collaboration participants:

1. Diana Chase
2. Raquel Taveras
3. Naysa Luna
4. Nelsy Leyba
5. Laura Lewis
6. Glenda Wright
7. Joan Matthews
8. Alexis Patrick
9. Natalia Savorotca

10. Gretel Castillo
11. Kandice Kroger
12. Maya Joannides
13. Lian Zhang
14. Teresa Lu
15. Leslie Funk

Sherry Krawczyk

Paper clay

Paris Carter

Digital photography

Lillian Verkins

Acrylic painting

Laura Bland

Digital photography

Dale Wayne

Alcohol ink on tile

These artists were selected finalists and are eligible for cash awards after the final voting by members of [Women in the Arts jury team](#) at the finalist art exhibition. The jury decision is final.

Honorable Mention | Local Artists

This year the selecting team awarded three honorable mentions. These artists are invited to exhibit their winning art at the library.

Congratulations!

Leslie MacMillan

"Ofrenda"

Silk and Batik

Raysa Molina

"Hopeful"

Digital and mixed media

Saima Qureshi

“Hope”

Acrylics

Recognition | Non-local and International Artists

The following artists will be recognized at the online gallery during March and April, and at the awards reception on March 26.

Non-local

Pamela Z. Daum

Kent, OH

Rosetta Deberardinis

Washington DC

International

Anne Maizia

Canada

Azra Rashid

Canada

Jacolien de Jong

The Netherlands

Laura Anderson Barbata

Mexico

Radosveta Zhelyazkova

Bulgaria

Awards

Finalist cash awards: 1st. place, \$450, 2nd. place \$350, 3rd. place \$300, 4th. place, \$200, 5th. place \$150, 6th. place \$100. Honorable mentions: each artist \$50. Total cash awards this year \$1,650.00. The First Place winner is invited for gallery representation at Baterbys Art Gallery, Orlando.

Library patrons are invited to vote for their favorite piece in the exhibition on-site or online and may enter a raffle to win a gift card. The winning artist will receive a Patron's Choice Award certificate.

Jury

Awards Jury

The Awards Jury is formed by Women in the Arts board and advisory board members, past winners representatives, and a guest jury. This jury awards the art competition finalists.

Guest Jury 2016

Amy Galpin

Curator

Cornell Fine Arts Museum

Rollins College

Azela Santana

Orlando Museum of Art

Associate Curator

Shannon Fitzgerald

Director

Mennello Museum and

Orlando Public Arts

Yulia Tikhonova

Curator

UCF Art Gallery

Finalist Jury

This Jury selects the art competition finalists.

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THE GENIUS OF
WOMEN
ART EXHIBITION

MARCH 8 - APRIL 24
ORLANDO PUBLIC LIBRARY, LIBRARY CENTRAL

101 E. Central Blvd. | Orlando, FL 32801



AWARDS CEREMONY 2016:

SATURDAY MARCH 26, 3:30 P.M.

ORLANDO PUBLIC LIBRARY, LIBRARY CENTRAL
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Enjoy the annual *Celebrating the Genius of Women* art exhibition featuring the local finalists of the Women in the Arts Inc. art competition. Join us at the main lobby to meet the artists and participate in an interactive gallery walk followed by an awards ceremony, and reception. Find out which piece wins the Patron's Choice Award and Women in the Arts Awards.

Reception location: Albertson Room, 3rd. floor

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