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RE: "FLASH EKPHRASTIC!" A mini, juried, national poetry competition

Deadline: Friday, July 1, 2016

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Poets are invited to join us in celebrating the art of the finalists in the "2016 Williams Prize in Drawing for Emerging Artists" national drawing competition. Sponsored by The Artist for Artists Project, a small arts advocacy initiative based in the Farmington Valley, the 2016 Williams Prize drawings will be on exhibit at the Silpe Gallery at the Hartford Art School in West Hartford, CT from June 28 – July 24, 2016.

The opening event will be held on Saturday, July 9, from 1-3pm, and will feature a poetry reading, "FLASH EKPHRASTIC!" with poems written about the art hanging in the gallery. Using the "flash mob" experience as inspiration, "FLASH EKPHRASTIC!" is a mini, juried, national poetry competition distinguished by a short deadline (only 2 weeks) and stunning art! Entries from every corner of the United States are welcome. The only constraint is that all poems need to be written about one of the 2016 Williams Prize drawings.

It's easy to participate. Visit our website, [www.artistforartistsproject.org](http://www.artistforartistsproject.org) and: 1) view the drawings of 2016 Williams Prize finalists, 2) read the artist's statements, and 3) write and submit your poem with the entry fee. Poems need to be received at our delivery address by July 1, 2016, at 542 Hopmeadow Street #139, Simsbury, CT 06070. Learn more about the event and our esteemed poetry juror, Edwina Trentham, on our website. Our poetry juror will select 26 poems as winners: First Prize, Second Prize, Third Prize, three Honorable Mentions, and twenty Juror's Choice Poems. Learn more about our poetry juror on our website. Winning poems will be read at the "FLASH EKPHRASTIC!" event and will then be displayed in the gallery for the duration of the 2016 Williams Prize in Drawing Exhibition, as well as on our website. Poets whose poems are selected by our juror will have the option of reading their work at the "FLASH EKPHRASTIC!" event, or allowing our event host, Tom Nicotera, to read them.

(For poets planning their summer around poetry events, "FLASH EKPHRASTIC!" makes for a perfect poetry weekend in the Hartford area, scheduled on Saturday afternoon, July 9, to accommodate the Sunken Garden Poetry Festival workshops on Saturday morning and readings on Sunday, July 10. ) The entry fee, per poem, is \$5. All fees are used to support the event. (Make checks out to "The Artist for Artists Project.") Visit our website for complete submission details. Should you have questions, email us at [info@artistforartistsproject.org](mailto:info@artistforartistsproject.org).

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