

2023 Poetic Visions Competition

Overview

The Museum of Art DeLand, Creative Happiness Institute, and MainStreet Art & Culture Slam of DeLand proudly present The 2023 Poetic Visions poetry contest. Poetic Visions is an Ekphrastic poetry competition. All submissions will be poems inspired or prompted by up to 40 different pieces of artwork on display at The Museum of Art DeLand. All submissions will be curated by a panel of five esteemed judges and one poem will be selected to represent each of the works of art. Poets may submit up to 3 different poems (3 different works of art as prompts). The winners will then be selected by the general public, who will be able to view the submissions right alongside the artwork in a special exhibit and then cast a vote for their favorites. Entry is free. Selected submissions will be eligible for inclusion in the 2023 Poetic Visions Anthology. There will also be a two week video contest conducted after the public voting concludes. Authors of the winning entries may contact the Museum to record a reading or performance of their poem while next to their selected artwork. The video contest will be conducted on the Museum of Art - DeLand YouTube channel.

Eligibility

Eligibility is open to poets of all ages and residing anywhere. However, as personal appearances are mandatory for participation, it is suggested that only poets residing in areas that are a reasonable commute to the Museum of Art DeLand enter this competition. That includes the counties of Volusia, Lake, Flagler, Seminole, Orange, and areas in proximity.

Format

All submissions will be done using Microsoft Word (no pdfs or Google docs). All submissions will use a page size of 11 inches by 17 inches and Calibri font of no more than size 18. Your poem will be no more than 37 lines including title and spacing. Please keep your margins consistent- at least one inch is suggested. Please leave at least 3 inches of space to allow room for the artwork information if selected. Your submission will consist of 3 pages only, sent individually for each artwork. All submissions must be original and by one individual. Be sure to proofread your poem before submitting.

Page one will have the poet's contact information- name, email address, and telephone number. Please include a short bio on the first page as well. Write the poem's title and the artwork chosen as follows:

The title of my poem is _____.

The artwork I selected is #_____.

The category I am entering is _____ (Adult, Youth 15-18, Youth 14 and under)

Lastly, copy and paste your chosen artwork onto the first page.

The second page will have only 3 things (no other info on page):

- 1) The title of my poem is_____.
- 2)The artwork I selected is #_____.
- 3) Another copy and paste of your selected artwork.

The third page will have your poem with the title only (no other info on page).

Here is the link to the 34 Adult artworks:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/YPmZjAXiApdYjF6c6>

Here is the link to the 6 Youth artworks:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/YVPWEhJWRuYyqBNBA>

*When you click on the image, the # and other info is located on the right side.

Submission

Please send all submissions to poeticvisionsdma2020@gmail.com.

Poetry Submission period begins January 20, 2023 at 9am and ends February 26, 2023 at 5pm. Poets may submit up to 3 different poems, one for a different work of art. Each poem must be submitted individually, each email attachment consisting of 3 pages exactly. Do not send an email with more than one attachment. Do not send an attachment over 3 pages long. Submissions that do not follow the guidelines and formatting will be disqualified.

Awards

First place: \$150

Second place: \$100

Third place: \$50

Video Winner: \$100

Youth Prize 14 and under: \$50

Youth Prize 15-18: \$50

In addition, selected submissions will qualify for publication in the Poetic Visions Anthology. Poets will be contacted and required to sign a waiver for permission to publish and will, regardless of publication, retain all rights to their writing. Winners must be able to attend all related events and receive their award in person.

Poetic Visions Timeline

The exhibition opens Friday March 31, 2023 and continues through July 16th. The location of exhibit will be the Museum of Art DeLand, 600 N. Woodland Blvd., DeLand, FL. The voting period for the public will begin March 31st and end Sunday, May 14th. Video voting will begin Monday, May 15th and will be tallied Monday, May 29th. There will also be an opening reception on March 31st from 5pm-7pm.

Friday June 2, 2023 there will be a wine and cheese reception from 5pm to 6pm. Awards will be announced and there will be a selected poetry reading between 6pm and 7pm.