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ANNUAL ALBANY MUSEUM OF ART WRITING CONTEST IS UNDERWAY

College, High School Students Can Win Cash Awards With *A Picture Is Worth a Thousand Words* Essays

[For Release Oct 26, 2018 – Albany, GA] — The Albany Museum of Art's 4th annual *A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words* writing competition has opened for students enrolled in Southwest Georgia high schools and colleges. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three essayists in each of the college and high school divisions.

In addition, middle schoolers will be included in this year's competition through an outreach program available in the classroom. Winning essays in that competition will earn the writer and classmates a free field trip to the AMA.

Last year, more than 70 high schoolers and college students submitted essays.

"I'd like to see even more schools participate this year," AMA Director of Education and Public Programming Chloe Hinton said. "The level of competition gets better every year, and this is a good opportunity for students to demonstrate and hone skills that will be valuable whether they are high school students heading into college or college students preparing to enter the job market."

Participating students can select one of six works of art from the *A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words* art object list. All of the listed objects will be on display at the AMA through the duration of the contest. After selecting a work, the participating student will write an essay of up to 1,000 words relating to the piece. High school and college entries are judged separately.

Cash prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each of the high school and college divisions. The awards are \$250 for first place, \$150 for second place and \$100 for third place. Up to three honorable mentions also will be selected in each division.

All winners will be published in a special *A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words* museum publication, with the honorable mentions listed in the publication. Essays also will be available to read online. The

winning submissions will be announced at an awards ceremony and essay reading at the Albany Museum of Art that will be conducted after schools and colleges return from the winter holiday break.

All essays must be submitted to **1000Words@albanymuseum.com** no later than **midnight** on Sunday, **Nov 25, 2018**. The official competition rules can be found at **albanymuseum.com/1000-words-writing-competition**.

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ABOUT THE ALBANY MUSEUM OF ART

The Albany Museum of Art, located in Albany, Georgia, adjacent to Albany State University West Campus just off Gillionville Road is accredited by the American Alliance of Museums. The Albany Museum of Art is open 10 am through 5 pm Tuesday through Friday and noon until 5 pm on Saturday. Admission is free.

For more information about the AMA please visit our website, www.albanymuseum.com or call 229.439.8400.

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