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ALBANY MUSEUM OF ART ESSAY CONTEST DEADLINE IS SATURDAY, OCT 8

High School and College Students Can Win Up to \$250 in Writing Competition

[For Release Sept 30, 2022 – Albany, GA]— The final days have arrived for high school and college students in Southwest Georgia to submit essays for the 8th annual *A Picture Is Worth a Thousand Words* essay contest at the Albany Museum of Art.

“It’s getting down to the wire,” Annie Vanoteghem, director of education and public programming at the AMA, said. “Essays must be received by **midnight on Saturday, Oct 8** to be eligible for consideration. The top high school writer and the top college writer will each receive \$250 at the awards reception on Oct 20. Second- and third-place winners in each of those divisions also will receive cash awards.”

There is no cost to enter the competition, and there is no admission cost to come to the AMA to view the six designated artworks in *Fighters for Freedom: William H. Johnson Picturing Justice* and *Wayna: Her Dreams of Ethiopia* that essayists are using to inspire their writing.

“The essays must relate in some way to one of those six designated artworks and they cannot exceed 1,000 words,” Vanoteghem said. “Otherwise, students are only limited by their imagination. They can write in any style and from any point of view. The essays can be fictional, based on real-life experiences, or a combination of both.”

Students who have not yet viewed the designated artworks can see them by visiting the AMA. The museum is open 10 am-5 pm Tuesday through Saturday. Each participating student may submit one essay to entries@albanymuseum.com. Essays must be received by **Saturday, Oct 8 at midnight EDT**.

Complete guidelines for the contest may be found online at www.albanymuseum.com/essay-contest.

“The top three essayists in each category and honorable mention winners will be announced at the awards reception, which starts at **6 pm on Thursday, Oct 20** at the museum,” Vanoteghem said. “The

winners will have the opportunity to read their essays at the reception, and the essays will be available to read on the AMA website shortly after the reception.”

AMA EXHIBITIONS

- *Fighters for Freedom: William H. Johnson Picturing Justice* is in The Haley Gallery, Sept 1-Dec 10, 2022. Organized by the Smithsonian American Art Museum. Generous support is provided by Art Bridges.
- *Wayna: Her Dreams of Ethiopia, Works by Tracy Murrell* is in the East Gallery, Sept 1, 2022- Jan 7, 2023.
- *Georgia Artists Guild of Albany, 29th Juried Exhibition* is in the McCormack Gallery, Sept 1, 2022- Jan 7, 2023.
- *Escape Plan, Installation by Elinor Saragoussi* is in the West Gallery.

AMA EVENTS

- *AMA ChalkFest*, Nov 19, 2022, 10 am-5 pm, Front Street and Veterans Park Amphitheater. Admission is free. www.amachalkfest.com.

ABOUT THE ALBANY MUSEUM OF ART

The Albany Museum of Art is located at 311 Meadowlark Drive in Albany, Ga., adjacent to Albany State University West Campus just off Gillionville Road. The museum is accredited by the American Alliance of Museums. The Albany Museum of Art is open to the public 10 am-5 pm Tuesdays through Saturdays. Admission is free.

For more information about the AMA please visit our website, www.albanymuseum.com, or call 229.439.8400. Be sure to follow the @AlbanyArtMuseum on Twitter, AlbanyMuseum on Instagram, and AlbanyMuseumOfArt on Facebook.

CAPTION INFORMATION

Tasmyn McCauley, a Southwest Georgia State University student, reads her first-place essay, *Sharp Edges*, at the 2021 awards reception for the Albany Museum of Art essay contest, A Picture Is Worth a Thousand Words. The final day for high school and college essayists to enter the 2022 contest is Saturday, Oct 8. (Photo: Albany Museum of Art)

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