



The Frick Pittsburgh Ekphrastic Poetry Challenge **CALL FOR ENTRIES**

Entry Deadline: March 25, 2020
Awards Ceremony & Public Reading:
April 7, 2020

What is Ekphrasis?

Ekphrasis is a literary technique in which a written or spoken work describes or comments on a work within another medium of art. Created by the Greeks, but popularized by the Romans, the goal of ekphrastic writing is to make the reader or listener envision a work of art as if it were physically present. The most contemporary use of the term relates to poetry as a response to a visual work of art.

Judging

A panel of judges will review and rank each entry based on originality, form, language, and the creative interpretation or reflection of the writing. Judges reserve the right to not grant an award if they feel no submission merits an award.

Awards

Entries will be divided into three groups: Students Grades 6-8, Students Grades 9-12, and Adult, with one first place, one second place, one third place, and up to three honorable mentions in each category. Winners and honorees will be invited to share their work in a public reading on April 7 at the Frick.

Program Information

Ekphrasis: Poetry Meets Art

On Tuesday, April 7 at 6:30 p.m., celebrated local poets will read new work commissioned in response to our current exhibition, *Maker & Muse: Women and Early Twentieth Century Art Jewelry*. Winners and honorees of the **Ekphrastic Poetry Challenge** will also be invited to read their work.

Writing and Submission Guidelines

- Entries should be inspired by a particular work from the *Maker & Muse* exhibition.
- Poems may be up to 25 lines in length, or 300 words if prose poetry.
- Participant may submit only one (1) entry for consideration.
- Entries must be typed in an easily readable, 12-point font.
- **All entries should be submitted to Ekphrasis@TheFrickPittsburgh.org**
- Attached files must be .doc, .docx, .pdf, or .txt
- The title of the inspirational work from *Maker & Muse* must be identified at the top of the attached submission.
- Entries will be accepted until 11:59 p.m. on March 25, 2020; winners and honorees will be notified by April 3, 2020.