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Annual Celebrating the Genius of Women Art Exhibition Opens March 9

Created in partnership with Women in the Arts, Inc., a 501(c)3 non-profit organization founded to recognize the work of women artists and bring art education to the greater community, the Celebrating the Genius of Women exhibition features work from professional local, national and international female artists. The featured local artists are honorees of the Women in the Arts Award Competition, with this year's winners being announced at a ceremony and reception on Saturday, March 24. While the outcome of the competition is decided by a team of jurors made up of local curators and previous competition winners, visitors to the Orlando Public Library are invited to make their voices heard in the competition by casting a vote for their favorite artist during the March 10 – March 19 public voting period.

This year's award finalists are Danielle Culibao, Peggi Nadeau, Audrey Phillips, Hye Shin and Anna Thorne. All finalists receive a cash prize, while the best in show winner also receives gallery representation from Baterby's Art Gallery located at 6848 Stapoint Ct, Winter Park, FL 32792. Previous winners of the award include Vicki Jones, Lillian Virkins, and Laura Bates.

Additional artists in the exhibition include Katherine Thomas, Elizabeth Allen Cannon, Jean Banas, Mindy Colton, Jennifer Payne, Karin Connolly, Eliza Pineau, Kim Minichiello, Ashlyn Mae Bapst, Kathy Stutzman, Hildy Maze and Jennifer Kaye Martin.

The exhibition will be on display of the 1st floor of the Orlando Public Library until April 24, 2018.

Women in the Arts Awards

Orlando Public Library

Saturday, March 24, 2 p.m.

Enjoy the annual Celebrating the Genius of Women art exhibition featuring local finalists, and

national and international participants in the Women in the Arts, Inc. art competition. Join us in the main lobby to meet the artists and participate in an interactive gallery walk followed by an awards ceremony, and reception.

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