

Imprint 2020 March 8 – May 24, 2020

Abington Student Wins First Place in Wharton Esherick Museum *Imprint 2020* Printmaking Exhibition

Malvern, PA – The Wharton Esherick Museum is pleased to announce *Imprint 2020*, our 12th annual high school print competition on view March 8 – May 24, 2020. Open to students from Chester, Bucks, Delaware, Montgomery, and Philadelphia Counties, this exhibition encourages new generations of young artists in the powerful medium of relief printmaking.

For Wharton Esherick, woodcut printmaking was a critical medium in his artistic development. Through printmaking, Esherick transitioned from a young painter to an internationally recognized artist and furniture designer. Recognizing the important role printmaking played in Esherick's life, we are delighted to highlight these young artists exploring Esherick's legacy and the rich artistic vision he expressed through woodblock prints.



Prying Hands, Samantha Beil,
Abington Senior High School

High School art students from 11 schools submitted 71 pieces this year, from which a jury of Museum staff and professional artists selected 13 finalists and prize winners for the exhibition. First Place this year was awarded to *Prying Hands* by Samantha Beil from Abington Senior High School, Second Place went to *Illuminate* by Sophia Naghski from Springfield Township School, and Third Place was awarded to *Aged Glory* by Naomi Walton from The Christian Academy. *Toyed With* by Gianna Sellecchia of Abington Senior High School was selected for an Honorable Mention, and also received the Viewer's Choice award. Viewer's Choice voting takes place on the Museum's Facebook page, where you can also see all of this year's entries.

Cash prizes are awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winning students and their art departments. First place is \$200, second place is \$150 and third place is \$. The first place school, Abington Senior High School, also receives a free field trip for the entire art class to visit the Wharton Esherick Museum.

Imprint 2020 is on display in the Wharton Esherick Museum Visitor Center March 8 – May 24 and is free to the public. This does not include admission to the Museum for which advance reservations are required. An award ceremony will be held during the opening reception on Sunday, March 22, from 2:30pm – 4:00 pm, celebrating the achievements of these young artists.

Award Winners:

1 st Place:	<i>Prying Hands</i> by Samantha Beil	Abington Senior High School
2 nd Place:	<i>Illuminate</i> by Sophia Naghski	Springfield Township School
3 rd Place:	<i>Aged Glory</i> by Naomi Walton	The Christian Academy
Honorable Mention and Viewer’s Choice:		
	<i>Toyed With</i> by Gianna Sellecchia	Abington Senior High School

Additional Finalists in the Exhibition:

Maheen Asif	Springfield Township High School
Colin Emmanuel	Hill Top Preparatory
Olivia Heckman	Avon Grove High School
Marcelo Koga	Abington Senior High School
Laura Levine	Great Valley High School
Jagger Mackenzie	Abington Senior High School
Veronica Yonce	Great Valley High School
Megan Weston	Bishop Shanahan High School
Ethan Williams	Great Valley High School

About the Wharton Esherick Museum:

The Wharton Esherick Museum, located just outside of Valley Forge Park in Malvern, PA is the handcrafted home and studio of Wharton Esherick (1887-1970), an internationally significant artist and leader of the Studio Furniture Movement. Esherick worked primarily in wood and extended his unique forms to furniture, furnishings, interiors, buildings, and more. His motto, “If it isn’t fun, it isn’t worth doing,” is evident in the joyful expression of his work. A National Historic Landmark for Architecture, his hilltop studio/residence, with more than 300 of his works on exhibition, has been preserved much as it was when the artist lived and worked there.

The Wharton Esherick Museum is experienced through guided tours that must be reserved in advance. The Museum is open for tours Tuesday – Friday (for groups of 5 or more) from 10 am to 4 pm, Saturdays from 10 am – 4 pm and Sundays from 1 pm - 4 pm (no minimum requirement on weekends). Advanced tickets are required, and can be purchased at whartonesherickmuseum.org. For more information call 610-644-5822 or email info@whartonesherickmuseum.org.

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