



JURIED ART COMPETITIONS
AWARDS CEREMONY 2021

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WELCOME

Thank you for joining us for our first annual Juried Art Competitions Award Ceremony, hosted by our 2021 Master of Ceremonies, comedian DC Benny!

This year, artists were challenged to interpret our 2021 theme: (THE) POLITICS OF EMOTION. In this case, "Politics" has a broader meaning than just government and can include much wider interpretations.

On December 11th, THE ARTISTS FORUM FESTIVAL OF THE MOVING IMAGE: 2021 announced 20 new winners at its 6th Annual Awards Ceremony, hosted by our 2021 Festival Ambassadors José Carlos Teixeira and Michael Inge.

Tonight, we will proudly announce the winners of our music, photography, and spoken word competitions from finalists in each category that best highlight our 2021 Competition Theme.

Throughout the year, THE ARTISTS FORUM has announced 6 ARTIST OF THE MONTH honorees: Franco Volpi, Keisha-Gaye Anderson, Aaron Leventman, Shayna Connelly, Viktor Witkowski, and Martha Gorzycki. Tonight, we are proud to announce Viktor Witkowski as our 2021 ARTIST OF THE YEAR.

THE ARTISTS FORUM JURIED ART COMPETITIONS, part of our key programming initiatives, are designed to provide accessible platforms for artists to introduce audiences to their latest, most innovative, and influential works.

Current opportunities include competitions in *film, music, photography, spoken word*, with *choreography* being offered in 2022. We encourage art community members to participate in next year's competitions by submitting their best materials for consideration.

ABOUT THE ARTISTS FORUM:

THE ARTISTS FORUM is a New York City based non-profit art services organization specializing in events, juried competitions, and media for artists. Since 1998, our mission continues to empower emerging and mid-career artists by providing them with accessible platforms to showcase their work and interact with diverse audiences.

MUSIC COMPETITION FINALISTS

A WILD HORSE

Classical / Operatic Composition

1:49 min (2021)

Writer: Maria Rago (Italy)

BLACK HURTS

Protest / Freedom / Songs of Peace

3:27 min (2021)

Writer: Terry Blade (US)

EAGLE'S FLIGHT

Classical / Operatic Composition

7:02 min (2018)

Writer: Andrea Montalbano (Italy)

ELOHIM'S THEME

Gospel / Inspirational

10:37 min (2021)

Writer: Ryuho Okawa (Japan)

Arrangement:

Sayaka Okawa, Yuichi Mizusawa (Japan)

GREED INCORPORATED

Rock / Alternative

3:03 min (2018)

Writer: Shondra Jepperson (US)

HIYAKU

World Music

3:35 min (2020)

Writer: Jonathan Galland (France)

Vocalist: Danica Lipetsky (US)

HORIZON I

Classical / Operatic Composition

5:08 min (2016)

Writer: Andrea Montalbano (Italy)

IT TOOK A LAW 2 MAKE ME HUMAN (AN AMERICAN HISTORY LESSON)

Protest / Freedom / Songs of Peace

3:22 min (2021)

Writer/Vocalist:

Fredi Walker-Browne (US)

LA CAMERA INCANTATA

Classical / Operatic Composition

7:35 min (2020)

Writer: Andrea Montalbano (Italy)

LIVE YOUR LIFE TODAY

Rock / Alternative

3:41 min (2018)

Writer: Conny Conrad (Germany)

Vocalist: Gerd Kannemann

MUSIC COMPETITION FINALISTS

METAMORFOSI

Conscious / Introspective Music
3:00 min (2021)
Writer: Lira Bekbolatova (Kazakhstan)

MOMMA SAID

Americana
2:36 min (2020)
Writer/Vocalist: Steve Harris (US)

NORTH JERSEY DETECTIVES

Children's / Holiday / Novelty
3:12 min (2018)
Writer/Vocalist: Christopher Hoyle (US)

SEND ME A LITTLE LIGHT

Rock / Alternative
4:14 min (2020)
Writer: Conny Conrad (Germany)
Vocalist: Gerd Kannemann

STOP THE SHAME

Indie / Singer-Songwriter
3:42 min (2021)
Writer: Ajay Mathur,
Mary Lou Austreng von Wyl
(Switzerland)
Vocalist: Ajay Mathur

THE NATURE OF HUMANITY

Classical / Operatic Composition
4:59 min (2020)
Writer: Alexander Collins (UK)

WE NEED MORE

Protest / Freedom / Songs of Peace
4:47 min (2020)
Writer/Vocalist: Taylor Fagins (US)

WRONG HUMANS

Electronic / Dance
6:36 min (2021)
Writers/Vocalists: *Makichi* (Iran/France)
(Farshad Khoshnoud, Sonia Kelichadi)

CLICK HERE [🔗](#) for more information about our 2021 Music Finalists and their entries.

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION FINALISTS

DANCING THROUGH 63 YEARS [↗](#)

(2020)

Harry James Dwinell (US)

EBAY, \$34 [↗](#)

(2020)

From the series *Object Ritual*

Selena Kearney (US)

GHOST VOICE [↗](#)

(2021)

Natalie DeAbreu (US)

Student Entry

HOLDING HANDS [↗](#)

(2015)

Paul Gatto (Canada)

HONEST REFLECTION [↗](#)

(2020)

Harry James Dwinell (US)

KEEPING WARM [↗](#)

(2018)

Harry James Dwinell (US)

TO WALK QUIETLY ON TIPTOE [↗](#)

(2021)

Fashiel Tamimi (Hong Kong)

Student Entry

U.S. (UNWHOLESOME SHELTER) [↗](#)

(2019)

Chinese Title: 「美」國

江峰 Jiang Feng (Taiwan)

UNABLE TO HIDE [↗](#)

(2021)

Harry James Dwinell (US)

CLICK HERE [↗](#) for more information about our 2021 Photography Finalists and their entries.

SPOKEN WORD COMPETITION FINALISTS

A TRICK OF THE LIGHT

Raw Take (Student)

3:44 min (2021)

Writer: Allyson Kealani Pang (US)

BROKEN PROMISES

Experimental

5:46 min (2020)

Writer/Director/Editor:

Bee Guzman-Elliott (US)

Camera: Austin Smith (US)

EMMETT (TIL DE REMIX)

Spoken Word Enhanced

6:09 min (2019)

Writer/Performer: Avery R. Young (US)

Writer/Director:

Masahiro Sugano (Japan)

Producer: Anida Yoeu Ali (Cambodia)

Associate Producer: Tye L. Jones (US)

EXIST

Experimental

1:11 min (2021)

Writer/Producer:

Bevin Mirielle Macutay (Philippines/US)

FAST LANE MATRIX

Spoken Word Enhanced

3:35 min (2021)

Writer/Dir.: Shelby Montevirgen (US)

IDEALISTS

Experimental

1:24 min (2021)

Poetry Orchestra

Director/Writer/Producer:

David Dephy (Georgia/US)

Performer: Maryam S Alikhani (Iran/US)

LISTEN ASSHOLE

Spoken Word Enhanced

4:26 min (2021)

Writers/Performers: *Yellow Rage* (US)

(Michelle Myers, Catzie Vilayphonh)

Director/Editor:

Masahiro Sugano (Japan)

Producer: Anida Yoeu Ali (Cambodia)

SUICIDAL

Raw Take (Student)

3:00 min (2021)

Writer: Rachana Raghavendra (India)

THE R WORD

Raw Take

2:08 min (2021)

Writer/Performer: Brittney Traudt (US)

CLICK HERE [🔗](#) for more information about our 2021 Spoken Word Finalists and their entries.

ARTIST OF THE MONTH / YEAR

The Artists Forum is proud to announce Viktor Witkowski as its 2021 Artist of the Year. We bestow this honor to him in recognition of his innovative approach to documentary filmmaking, visual art, and arts education. We look forward to working with Viktor as our international ambassador for arts and culture in 2022.

2021 ARTIST OF THE YEAR

Viktor Witkowski (Poland)
Painter, Filmmaker

Viktor Witkowski was born in Poland and grew up in Germany. In 2006, he immigrated to the US and currently splits his time between Vermont (US) and Leipzig (Germany). Viktor teaches as lecturer in Dartmouth College's Studio Art Department in New Hampshire. His films and videos have been screened at numerous festivals in the US and abroad including such venues as the Pergamon Museum in Berlin, the York Art Gallery in York (UK), or the LA Underground Film Forum in Los Angeles. His paintings have been featured in solo and group shows across the US, in France and Germany.

viktorwitkowski.com | [@viktorlwitkowski](https://www.instagram.com/viktorlwitkowski) | vimeo.com/515532180

APRIL 2021 ARTIST OF THE MONTH

Franco Volpi (Argentina)
Filmmaker

JULY 2021 ARTIST OF THE MONTH

Shayna Connelly (US)
Filmmaker, Writer

MAY 2021 ARTIST OF THE MONTH

Keisha-Gaye Anderson (Jamaica/US)
Poet, Author, Visual Artist

AUG. 2021 ARTIST OF THE MONTH

Viktor Witkowski (Poland)
Painter, Filmmaker

JUNE 2021 ARTIST OF THE MONTH

Aaron Leventman (US)
Playwright, Actor, Curator, Producer

SEPT. 2021 ARTIST OF THE MONTH

Martha Gorzycki (US)
Animator, Filmmaker, Media Artist

CLICK HERE [🔗](#) for Artist of the Month profiles on The Artists Forum Magazine.

SPECIAL THANKS

2021 MUSIC JURORS

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Joi Veer, Amos White V

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Leah den Bok, Lou Manna, Todd Ford,
Kate Garner, Nalinee Darmrong,
Amos White V

2021 SPOKEN WORD JURORS

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