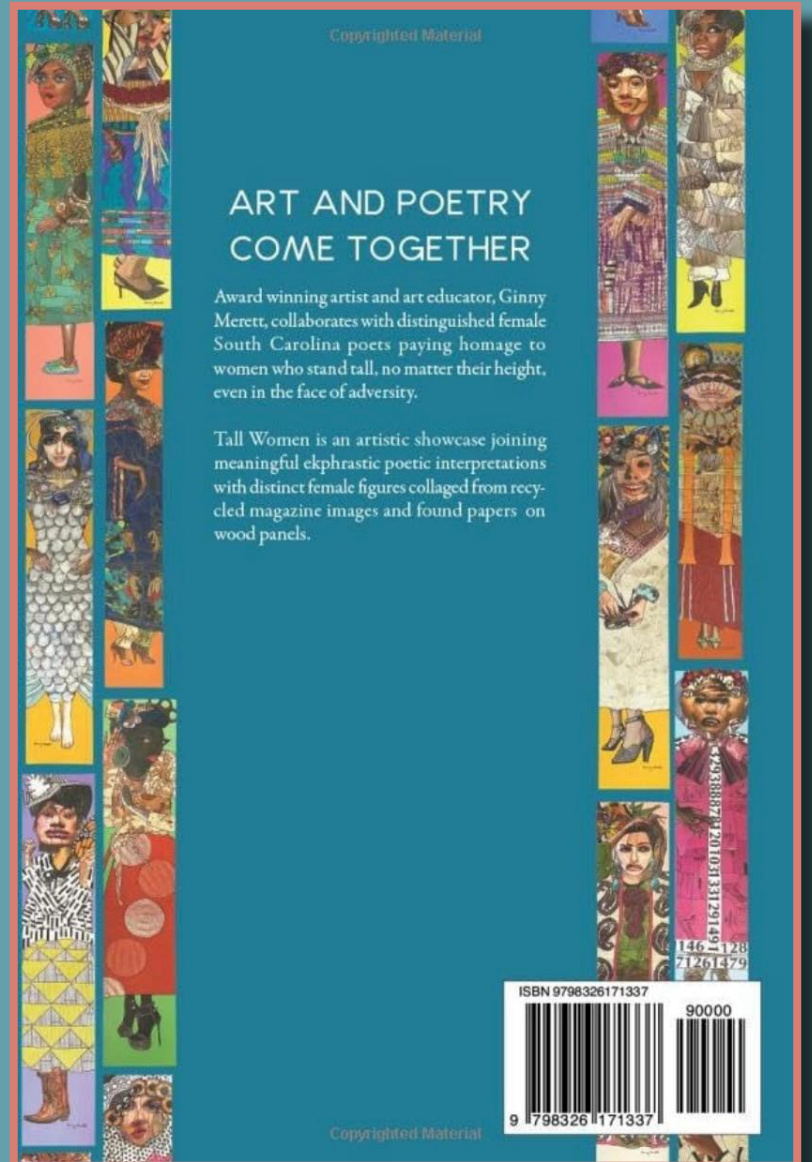


TALL Women

GINNY MERETT
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SOUTH CAROLINA POETS

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Book Launch / Meet the Poets / Book Signing Event
for *Tall Women*, a Book by
Award-Winning Artist and Art Educator Ginny Merett
and the Tall Women Poets



Event will be held

Sunday, July 14, 2024 from 2:00 - 4:00 pm
Hilton Garden Inn, Governor's Ballroom II
110 McSwain Drive, West Columbia 29169

Arts Council of York County in Rock Hill, SC, Offers Annual Juried Show and More

The Arts Council of York County in Rock Hill, SC, is presenting the *35th Annual Juried Competition Exhibition*, juried by Wofford College's Rebecca Forstater, on view in the Dalton Gallery at the Center for the Arts, through Aug. 24, 2024. A reception and awards ceremony will be held on Aug. 8, from 5:30-7:30pm.

Each year, the *Annual Juried Competition* is open internationally to artists 18 and older. Only original work, created in the last two (2) years, and not previously shown at the Center for the Arts, Dalton Gallery is accepted. All forms of media are eligible, including video.

This year, there were 204 entries by 84 artists from 30 cities and 4 states. Of those entries, juror Rebecca Forstater selected 35 works by 29 artists from 16 cities and 4 states to be displayed in the *35th Annual Juried Competition Exhibition*.

Exhibiting artists include: Dylan Bannister, Sean Breitreutz, Trish Boyles, Kat Chudy, Chloe Compton, Nicole Driscoll, Amanda Foshag, Maddie Foss, Brittany Freeman, Brandi Voight Fox, Emily Furr, Piper Grant, Naomi Hayes, Michael Henry, Diane Holman, Alexis Howard, Flavia Lovatelli, Hans Petersen, Heather V. McLeod, Adrian Rhodes, Katherine Rumminger, Caroline Rust, J. Michael Simpson, Jessie Avant Smith, Melanie Stillwalt, Denise Torrance, Aubrey Walden, Joana Wardell, and Joyce Wynes.

Rebecca Forstater (she/they) is a South Carolina-based interdisciplinary artist who considers the production of current histories in digital landscapes through digital sculpture and video performances. Her work focuses on the shaping of collective memory through pop culture, memes, and AI bots that circulate the internet. Forstater received her MFA from Syracuse University and her BFA from James Madison University. Their work has been exhibited internationally and



34th Annual Juried Competition Gerald and Barbara Schapiro Best of Show "F^ck Around and Find Out" by Adrian Rhodes, from 2023

nationally with most recent shows at the 701 Center for Contemporary Art (South Carolina), Hangaram Design Museum (Seoul), Future Fair (NYC), Tiger Strikes Asteroid (Los Angeles), and Governors Island (New York). Currently, Forstater is an Assistant Professor of Studio Art at Wofford College and serves on the board of the New Media Caucus.

Awards to be won include: the Gerald & Barbara Schapiro Best of Show at \$1,000; 1st Place at \$750; 2nd Place at \$500; and 3rd Place at \$250. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place Awards are sponsored by Kathy and Larry Wilson.

On view in the Perimeter Gallery is the exhibit, *MUGSHOT*, featuring works by fifteen regional ceramic artists, on view through Aug. 24, 2024. A reception will be held on Aug. 8, beginning at 5:30pm

So good they must be illegal! Fifteen regional ceramic artists have joined the lineup, and are ready for you to choose their mug - literally. See a mug on the wall that you love? Bail it out and take it home!

MUGSHOT features the works of: Kristi Bush, Cameron Carter, Jim Connell, Nancy Cosentini, Joanne Fago, Mary Grum, Joanna Henry, Justin Huestis, Morgan Kes-

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sler, Claire Kirkley, Kanako Kumamaru, Rebecca Lughart, Kim McQueen, Jazmyn Quattlebaum, and Debbie Whitsett. As the mugs are purchased, a new mug by that artist will replace the previous one, creating an exhibit that evolves over time.

The Center for the Arts is located on East Main Street, in the Cultural District of

Downtown Rock Hill. The Arts Council is headquartered in downtown Rock Hill, a state-recognized cultural district.

For further information check our SC Institutional Gallery listings, call the Council at 803/328-2787, or visit (<http://www.yorkcountyarts.org>).

Hickory Museum of Art in Hickory, NC, Features Works by Michael C. Thorpe

The Hickory Museum of Art in Hickory, NC, is presenting *Michael C. Thorpe: NO EXPECTATIONS*, on view in the Museum's Coe Gallery, through Nov. 10, 2024.

The Hickory Museum of Art's newest exhibition features work by college basketball MVP turned textile artist Michael C Thorpe. Quilting is a skill passed on intergenerationally by the matriarchs of Thorpe's family who were part of the quilting community in New England. He tells stories about his world expressed in quilts of colorful fabric, meandering stitching and printed canvas, and playful pencil and stitched drawings. Thorpe's subsequent discovery of the Gee's Bend community of women quilters in Alabama offered the artist deeper personal meaning in his chosen medium and a connection to his heritage.

The exhibition will explore the interconnectedness of Thorpe's passions - the creative process and basketball. "What happens in basketball is so parallel to what happens in art.... because you have to work so hard when nobody's watching, just for that chance to get that moment to shine - that one shot, that one show", said Michael C. Thorpe.

The Museum is collaborating with local school systems to turn education inside out by directly connecting local students with a world of opportunities. Kindergarten through High School field trip tours will focus on standards in the visual arts in global, historical, societal, and cultural contexts, along with interdisciplinary connections and life applications. The creative process will be taught as the necessary tool



"Fishing" by Michael C. Thorpe

for pursuing one's dreams in addition to the soft and workforce-ready skills needed for success.

A series of events will surround and enhance the exhibit experience.

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