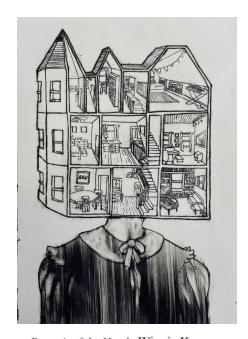


Imprint 2021 Opening March 13, 2022

## Strath Haven High School Student Wins First Place in Wharton Esherick Museum Print Exhibition

Malvern, PA – The Wharton Esherick Museum is pleased to announce *Imprint 2022*, the 14th annual high school print exhibition. Open to students from Chester, Berks, Bucks, Delaware, Lehigh, Montgomery, and Philadelphia Counties, this completely virtual exhibition encourages new generations of young artists in the powerful medium of relief printmaking. In celebration of the Museum's 50th anniversary and the importance of home in Esherick's life's work, this year students were asked to submit pieces on the theme 'Visions of Home'. The exhibition will be viewable on the Museum website beginning March 13, 2022.

Strath Haven High School junior Winnie Kenney was awarded first prize by a jury of professional artists and museum staff for their print *Portrait of the Hutch*. The print is based on a poem Kenney wrote and illustrates their home as a doll house, placing each room and item within as accurately as possible. A cash prize of \$200 will be awarded to both Kenney and the school's art department, which will also receive a free field trip to the Museum.



Portrait of the Hutch, Winnie Kenney, Strath Haven High School

Second Place for *Imprint 2022* was awarded to Ionah Tau from Springfield Township High School, and third place went to Jorja Rembert from Methacton High School. Laylah Santacruz from Renaissance Academy Charter School won the Viewers' Choice Award. Viewer's Choice voting took place on the museum's Facebook page, where followers were able to weigh in on their favorite prints.

Imprint 2022 highlights young artists who represent the future of this powerful medium while recognizing the important role printmaking played in Wharton Esherick's life as he grew from a young painter to an internationally recognized artist and furniture designer. In another year rife with challenges, many students found themselves learning and practicing printmaking from home. Nevertheless, the submissions featured in Imprint 2022 are sure to impress! We applaud art teachers and students everywhere who have continued to create, even in the face of adversity.

*Imprint 2022* is a virtual exhibition viewable at whartonesherickmuseum.org/programs/ beginning March 13, 2022.

## **Award Winners:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Portrait of the Hutch by Winnie Kenney Strath Haven High School

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Finding Home by Ionah Tau Springfield Township High School

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Backbone of Growth by Jorja Rembert Methacton High School

Viewers' Choice: Home Tweet Home by Laylah Santacruz Renaissance Academy Charter School

## **Additional Finalists in the Exhibition:**

Ava Schwartz Abington Senior High School **Kelly Downs** Abington Senior High School Andy Schureman Abington Senior High School **Ansharaye Williams** Abington Senior High School Helike Milestone Avon Grove High School Jaylene Vergara Vargas Avon Grove High School Adriana K DiCampli Avon Grove High School Megan Smith Bishop Shanahan High School Lucy Campbell Bishop Shanahan High School **Ava Ceulers** Bishop Shanahan High School Bishop Shanahan High School Thi Nguyen Madelyn Rudolph Bishop Shanahan High School Naomi Aquino Bishop Shanahan High School Julia Bennett Bishop Shanahan High School Theresa McGill Bishop Shanahan High School Elle Udo Bishop Shanahan High School Aimee Raymundo Bishop Shanahan High School Hannah Kresefski Bishop Shanahan High School Chloe Szczesniuk Bishop Shanahan High School Beracah Peng **Downington STEM Academy** Gabriella Torres **Downington STEM Academy** Claire Blisard **Downington STEM Academy** Katie McDonnell **Downington STEM Academy** Finn Kohser **Downington STEM Academy** Lauren Selden **Downington STEM Academy** Lauren Leshko **Downington STEM Academy** Vicky Kang **Downington STEM Academy** Luke Roosevelt **Downington STEM Academy** Julia Jennings **Downington STEM Academy** Angelina Castiglione **Downington STEM Academy** Chloe Shih **Downington STEM Academy** 

Olivia Biancone Exeter Township Senior High School

Cole Apeldorn
Dominic Rivera
David Stollsteimer
Brandon Fey
Jason Soule
Jeffrey Shellenberger
Holy Ghost Prep

Yunfei Mo Horace Howard Furness

Dronaka Outlaw Jules E. Mastbaum AVT High School

Catherine Smith Methacton High School
Ava Mancini Methacton High School
Nam Nguyen Methacton High School
Sara Legnola Methacton High School
Jakelin Canas Penn Wood High School

Norah Swartz
Springfield Township High School
Janaya Price
Springfield Township High School
Jia DeRosa
Springfield Township High School
Brooke Randa
Springfield Township High School
Morgan Prasalowicz
Villa Maria Academy High School
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## **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.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Wharton Esherick Museum is currently closed to all on-site visitors. Details and reopening plans can be found at whartonesherickmuseum.org

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