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EVENT: Miami Writer's Prize 2011

DATES:
March 16th – May 4th 2011

RECEPTION:
To be announced

ARTLURKER announces Miami Writers Prize 2011

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With the help of a grant from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation and donations kindly received from readers, ARTLURKER, a Miami based online community forum for the contemporary arts, is proud to announce the second year of the Miami Writer's Prize, an annual prize aimed at encouraging residents of Miami who write critically about art.

Since its inception in 2008, ARTLURKER has sought to document and engage the South Floridian Arts community. In pursuit of growth it hosts the prize to inspire a generation of exciting new writers and foster accountability for contemporary art discourse through reinforcement of the blogging format.

Hopefuls may submit one original review of a recent art-related event. The winning entrant, in addition to having their text published, will be paid an honorary stipend of \$800 dollars in return for (eight posts) on ARTLURKER.

To decide the winner of this year's prize, Miami based nomadic educational programming project SPRING BREAK, together with last year's winner Annie Hollingsworth, will devise and employ an engaging alternative to the usual panel-style elimination process.

This year's prize is now open for submissions.

Submissions should be emailed as a word (.doc or .docx) attachment to writersprize@artlurker.com. Please do not send images.

Closing Date is May 4th, 2011.

The winner will be announced via www.artlurker.com on May 10th.

PRIZE REQUIREMENTS:

- Entrants must submit one previously unpublished review of a recent art related event, approximately 800 words in length.
- Entries must be submitted in English, but may be a translation (this must be acknowledged).
- To qualify, entrants may only previously have had a maximum of three pieces of writing on art published in any national or regional newspaper or magazine. Previous online publication (except on ARTLURKER) is permitted.
- Entrants must be over 18 years of age and reside in Miami or surrounding counties.
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- Closing date for submissions is May 4th, 2010.

GUEST BLOGGING REQUIREMENTS:

- Posts must be art related
- Author must have first hand experience if writing a review of a recent exhibition or event.

ABOUT THE JUDGES:

SPRING BREAK is a nomadic artist-run project committed to developing new modes of considering issues in contemporary art and culture within South Florida communities. Their focus is to develop programming that seeks to engage their audience as participants and elicit a discussion surrounding the thematic concept chosen for a given event. In collaboration with various artists and members of the community, their goal is to stimulate a dialogue that will enable one event to inform another in a manner that reflects the movement between the different methods of presenting ideas. SPRING BREAK are Domingo Castillo, Patti Her & Kiwi Farah.

Annie Hollingsworth is involved in the arts at many levels. After graduating from Brown University with a degree in Visual Art, she relocated to New York where she studied with some of the country's most accomplished Haitian folklore dancers. Her primary mentor was Mikerline Pierre, with whom she performed professionally for three years. Since relocating to Miami she has been actively involved in the folkloric dance community as a performer, teacher and choreographer. In her own dance and visual work she explores ritual imagery, movement and music. She has also produced exhibitions, public commissions and exhibition catalogues for artists and galleries in New York, Miami, and internationally. Her writing career was launched in 2010 when she won the inaugural Miami Writer's Prize. Since then she has written about dance and art for Artlurker.com, Art Papers and Artburst.com.

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