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***MOHONK MOUNTAIN STAGE COMPANY (MMSC) PUBLISHING
ANNOUNCES THE WINNERS OF ITS
SECOND POETRY COMPETITION
FOR HUDSON VALLEY POETS***

Mohonk Mountain Stage Company (MMSC) announces the winners of its second Poetry Contest, **Vanguard Voices of the Hudson Valley**. The contest was open to all writers living in the Hudson Valley of New York, from Albany to the metro-New York City area. With over two hundred and fifty poems submitted, the First Place (\$200) was awarded to **Christine Lilian Turczyn of Rhinebeck, NY** Second Place (\$100) was awarded to **Mr. Ken Holland of Fishkill, NY** and Third Place (\$75) was awarded to **Ms. Jo Pitkin of Cold Spring, NY**. In addition, four Honorable Mentions were selected. All prize-winning poems, as well as selected other entries, will be published in MMSC's *Vanguard Voices of the Hudson Valley – Poetry 2007*, and will be read in a public performance, **New York Writing**, on Friday, May 4, by the MMSC's Readers Theatre Group at Unison Arts Center in New Paltz.

Judges for the 2007 Vanguard Voices competition were William E. Connors, Dr. Stella Deen, Dr. Barbara Adams and Professor Emeritus O. Howard Winn, with Eamon Grennan, Dexter M. Ferry Jr. Professor of English at Vassar College, serving as the final judge. "All of these poets surely celebrate, and animate, the written word," says Mr. Grennan, "Congratulations to all the winners, and to Mohonk Mountain Stage Company for their encouragement of Hudson Valley voices." In affirming MMSC's decision to begin publishing as an integral part of its programs, MMSC's Producing Director, Robert Miller, noted, "Dedicated to performing the written word, Mohonk Mountain Stage Company believes in celebrating the work of gifted writers past and present, and also in encouraging writers whose work may not yet be recognized by sharing it with our audience. MMSC's Vanguard Voices of the Hudson Valley regional poetry competition is one aspect of this important mission."

Mohonk Mountain Stage Company is an independent theater company that has been operating in the Hudson Valley since 1994. MMSC celebrates ideas, imagination and ingenuity through its award-winning Readers Theatre Group, a literary journal and an annual theatre scholarship award. Their Theatre for Young Audiences productions have toured nationally. Sponsors include both the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington D.C. and Brooklyn Academy of Music.

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Poetry Contest Winners
2007

Judges: Mr. William E. Connors, Dr. Stella Deen, Dr. Barbara Adams
and Professor Emeritus O. Howard Winn

Final Judge: Eamon Grennan, Dexter M. Ferry Jr. Professor of English at Vassar College

First Prize, \$200

Christine Lilian Turczyn, Rhinebeck, NY
“I Could Have Told You”

Second Prize, \$100

Ken Holland, Fishkill, NY
“Dominion”

Third Prize, \$75

Jo Pitkin, Cold Spring, NY
“The Mollusk”

Honorable Mention

Samuel Claiborne, High Falls, NY
“Sam’s Point (Lichen)”

Mimi Moriarty, Clarksville, NY
“In the Dark”

Matthew Spireng, Kingston, NY
“Leif Ericsson Confesses His Lie”

Maureen Waters, New Paltz, NY
“Constructions”

Finalists

Lisa Titus Caloro, Shandaken, NY
“Clarity”

Kristen Henderson, Red Hook, NY
“Not Even a Room to Recall”

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Mimi Moriarty, Clarksville, NY
“I Have Come to Know America”

Will Nixon, Kingston, NY
“Mother Reanimated”

Annajon Russ, Hurley, NY
“Arc” and “Tinker’s Damn”

Matthew Spireng, Kingston, NY
“Jade” and “At My Aunt’s and Uncle’s”

Notable Poems

Jacqueline Renee Ahl, New Paltz, NY
“Memories”

Louis N. Altman, Hurley, NY
“A Poetics In ‘War Time’”

Druzelle Cederquist, Poughkeepsie, NY
“Back Story to The Green Mile”

Greg Correll, New Paltz, NY
“runaway life”

Joe DiMattio, West Camp, NY
“Malarme ‘Sainted Spring’”

Kristen Henderson, Red Hook, NY
“Sense”

Ken Holland, Fishkill, NY
“Quebec”

Reamy Jansen, Highland Falls, NY
“Wadena Hide & Fur”

Alisa Stolte Heigl Jones, Saugerties, NY
“Mohonk, Feb. 1996”

Frank LaRonca, New Paltz, NY
“The Synesthete Speaks of Love”

Valerie Linet, Kingston, NY
“Tribe”

Georganna Millman, Big Indian, NY
“Oil Sketch: View of the Catskills from Olana” and “White Silence”

Thomas Nolan, New Paltz, NY
“Love Poem”

Christine Lilian Turczyn, Rhinebeck, NY
“Who Chose You To Survive”