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Twelve Ocean State Poets respond to ‘Cast Shadows’ at Imago Gallery March 27

WARREN—Twelve poets will hold a poetry reading at 3 p.m. on March 27 at Imago Gallery, 36 Market Street, Warren. The event is free and open to the public.

The ekphrasis event is a collaboration between Ocean State Poets (OSP) and Imago Foundation for the Arts (IFA). Participating poet members of OSP will read poems they have written in response to artwork created by IFA artists as part of a group exhibit called “Cast Shadows” on view at Imago Gallery, through April 16.

Poets Julianna Anderson, Bill Carpenter, Diana Cole, David Dragone, Margie Keil Flanders, Donna B. Freeman, Lawrence J. Krips, Katherine Kroener, Pat LaRose, Noreen Inglesi, Kate O’Kula and Ira Schaeffer will read poems written in response to artwork created by Mary Dondero, Carl Keitner, Eileen Mayhew, Yolanda Pena Mazzoni, Linda Megathlin, Rina Naik, Anne Marie Rossi, Howard Rotblat-Walker, and Meredith Wolf.

The event will also include light refreshments and a musical interlude by the Notable Works’ Ensemble conducted by composer, director and vocalist Noreen Inglesi with Anne Diamond on flute, Alison Shea on piano and Maria Bilyeu on cello.

Poems and artwork will be on display in the gallery through Saturday, April 16. Visitors will be able to use their smart phone QR app readers or camera to scan a QR code to hear the poets read their poems while standing in front of the artwork.

Regular gallery hours are Thursdays, 3 – 6 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays from noon to 6 p.m. and Sundays from noon to 4 p.m.

Ocean State Poets is a group of Rhode Island poets whose history has involved work in various venues “to bring the transformative nature of poetry to Rhode Islanders by encouraging reading, writing and sharing poetry and to create opportunities for others to find their own voices.” Volunteer poets’ professional backgrounds are as diverse as their individual poetic voices.

The Notable Works’ Ensemble was founded by and is under the direction of Artist In Residence Noreen Inglesi, who is composer, poet and a vocalist for the group. The ensemble, comprised of University of Rhode Island alumni, has been performing in the local area since 1995 and plays a key role in fulfilling Notable Works’ mission of raising awareness for social and environmental concerns through the arts.

IFA encourages IFA artists and guest artists to explore their creativity by providing a supportive community and exhibition space. IFA also focuses on art programming for the public and collaborative projects with other local and regional organizations to promote the arts. Its mission is to inspire creativity and promote art-making that enriches the community.

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