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HISTORICAL SOCIETY INVITES ARTISTS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS TO DOCUMENT EIGHT D.C. NEIGHBORHOODS FOR CASH PRIZES IN ANNUAL JURIED COMPETITION

WASHINGTON, DC: The Historical Society of Washington, D.C. invites artists and photographers to submit documentation of the city's built environment to *For the Record*, its third annual juried competition. This annual exhibition and fundraising sale, set to open in April of 2017, will recognize the best photographs and works of art that capture the following eight neighborhoods: Howard Town/Pleasant Plains, Burleith, Palisades, Shepherd Park, Ivy City, Buzzard Point, Kenilworth, and Congress Heights. Proceeds from the sale support the programs offered by the nonprofit Historical Society.

Entrants will compete for cash prizes. In addition to a \$500 prize for "Best Overall" work, the artists who rank first, second, and third for photography and for works of art will win \$350, \$250, and \$100 respectively. New this year are eight "Best in Ward" designations that award \$100 for the best photograph or artwork representing each ward.

Online submissions, with an entry fee of \$50, will be accepted from September 6, 2016 through midnight January 3, 2017. Early-bird entries received by October 31, 2016 will receive half-off and those received by November 30, 2016 will receive \$15 off the entry fee.

"*For the Record* provided great exposure for the people-centered storytelling I'm doing," said Tia Thompson whose photograph, *Is there someone in the chair*, documenting 106 Rhode Island Avenue, NW won third place in 2016.

Curators from leading D.C. cultural institutions serve as jurors for the competition. Past jurors represented the Corcoran School of Art & Design, FOTODC, the George Washington University Museum and Textile Museum, the National Building Museum, and the Philips Collection.

"We were not surprised by the level of creative vision of local Washington artists," said John Suau, executive director of the Historical Society. "The exhibits we've produced from these juried competitions have been wonderful, and the artwork we have in our historic collections confirms the long tradition of the creative culture in D.C. This competition is the 21st century's answer to documenting the built environment of our nation's capital."

For more information on how to enter *For the Record 2017* please go to:

<https://dchistory.submittable.com/submit>

About the Historical Society of Washington, D.C.

The Historical Society offers ongoing exhibitions documenting the diverse history of D.C.'s neighborhoods and communities. The Historical Society is a community-supported educational and research organization that collects, interprets, and shares the history of our nation's capital. Founded in 1894, the Historical Society serves a diverse audience through its collections, public programs, exhibitions, and publications. The Historical Society's galleries and research library are located in the historic Carnegie Library at Mt. Vernon Square, 801 K Street NW, and are open Tuesday through Friday, 10 am-4 pm. ###