



**Promoting Disability Awareness both
Locally and Globally Through Phoenix
Sister Cities Disability Awareness
Committee**

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PROGRAM COMMITTEES:

Disability Awareness Committee
Youth & Education Committee
Economic Relations Committee
Strategic Planning Committee
Membership Committee



At the heart of all Sister City programs is an agreement, signed by the mayors of each Sister City, confirming the commitment of each community to the Sister City program.



Calgary, Canada, Est. 1997

Catania, Italy, Est. 2001

Chengdu, China , Est. 1986

Ennis, Ireland, Est. 1988

Grenoble, France, Est. 1990

Hermosillo, Mexico, Est. 1976

Himeji, Japan, Est. 1976

Prague, Czech Republic, Est. 1991

Ramat-Gan, Israel, Est. 2005

Taipei, Taiwan, Est. 1979





Sister Cities agree to send and receive delegations of various types, including the following:

- 1: Political and Business Leaders
- 2: Arts and Cultural Representatives
- 3: Educators and Technical Experts...

...because these exchanges promote:

- 1: Cross-Cultural Understanding
- 2: Municipal and Technical Cooperation
- 3: Business Opportunities



Each Sister City is supported by a committee of volunteers who are committed to the goals and objectives of the program.

Phoenix Sister Cities' Mission

Promote, implement and increase core and supporting programs that address five focus areas:

- Youth & Education
- Municipal Cooperation
- Economic Relations
- Arts and Culture
- **Disability Awareness**



2015 Youth Ambassadors



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Phoenix Sister Cities
Disability Awareness Committee
(DAC)



Phoenix Sister Cities

Disability Awareness Committee,

(DAC)

DAC was conceived in 1996, when it was realized that the inbound/outbound delegations had no representation within the disability community and within other sister city established programs, i.e., International Youth Artist Competition



DAC MISSION STATEMENT

To provide Phoenix Sister Cities Commission, (PSCC) with the opportunity to increase disability awareness in the City of Phoenix and its member Sister Cities for the purpose of promoting the equalization of opportunities within society on behalf of all world citizens, by incorporating individuals with disabilities into all aspects of PSC programming.

“You must be the change you wish to see in the world.”

-Gandhi

DAC PROGRAMMING:

- International Competition for Artists' with Disabilities, (ICAD)
- International Competition for Writers' with Disabilities, (ICWD)
- International Photography Competition (IPC)
- Disability Delegations
 - Promoting Disability Awareness
 - Training Workshops

DAC FUTURE COLLABORATIONS

- Daring Adventures/Airwest Helicopters Project
- Hermosillo, Mexico “Lion King” Disability Performance
- Hermosillo Recreational Facility for Disabled and Families
- Sports for the Disabled



(RIGHTS AND DIGNITY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES)

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY
DECEMBER 3, 2015



The observance of the Day aims to promote an understanding of disability issues and mobilize support for the dignity, rights and well-being of persons with disabilities. It also seeks to increase awareness of gains to be derived from the integration of persons with disabilities in every aspect of political, social, economic and cultural life.

International Competition for Artists' with Disabilities (ICAD)

2006 PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD
Taipei, Taiwan



differences
make a difference

Phoenix Sister Cities
Disabilities Awareness Committee
presents the

2nd Annual
International
Competition of
ARTISTS
with Disabilities
2007

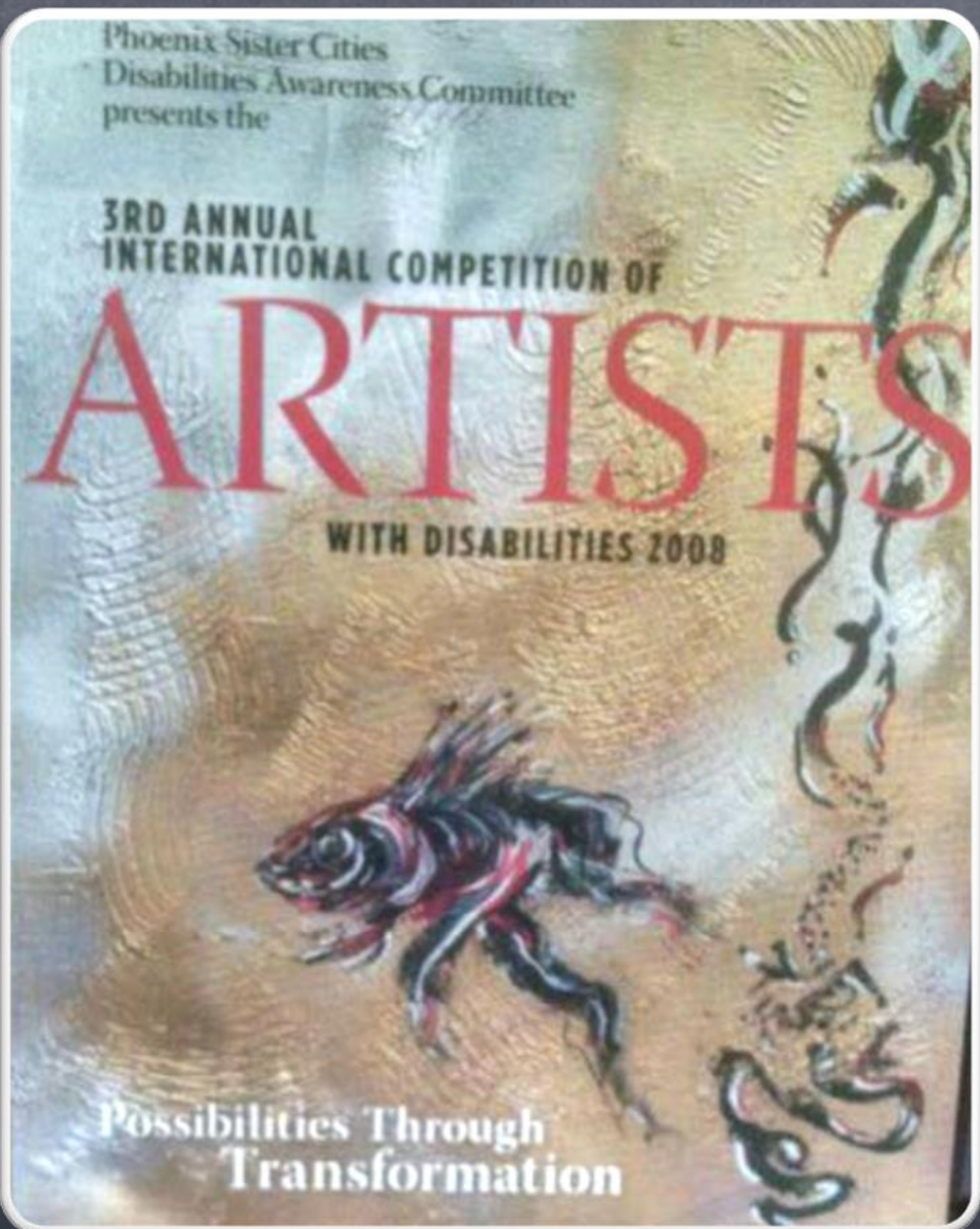
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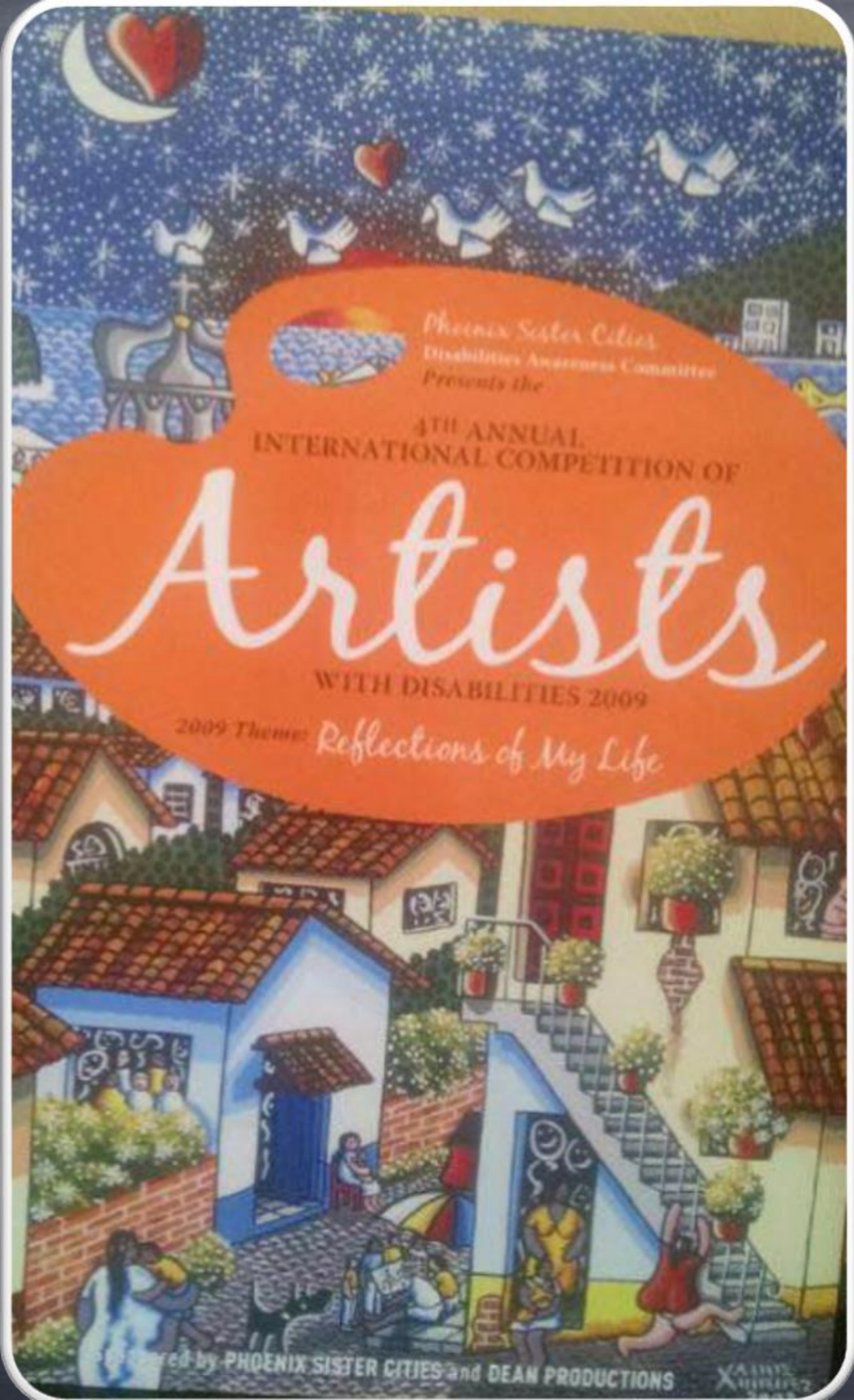
3RD ANNUAL
INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION OF

ARTISTS

WITH DISABILITIES 2008

Possibilities Through
Transformation





Phoenix Sister Cities
Disabilities Awareness Committee
Presents the

4TH ANNUAL
INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION OF

Artists

WITH DISABILITIES 2009

2009 Theme: *Reflections of My Life*

Sponsored by PHOENIX SISTER CITIES and DEAN PRODUCTIONS

XAVIER
2009

**Phoenix Sister Cities
Disabilities Awareness Committee**
presents the

5th Annual International

Competition of Artists

**with Disabilities
2010**

One World, One Place, One Home



2014



*Phoenix Sister Cities
Disability Awareness Committee*

PRESENTS

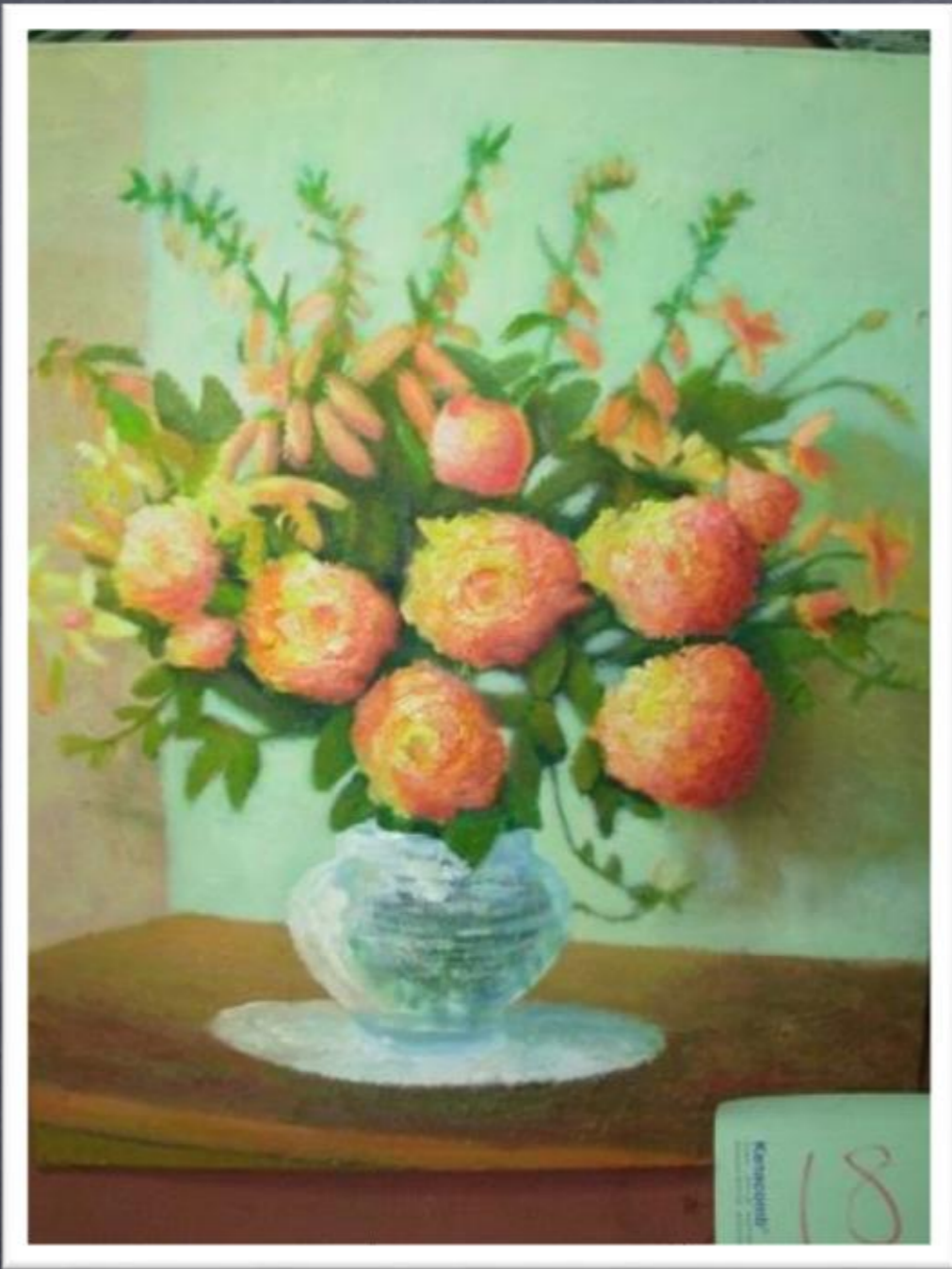
INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION FOR
**ARTISTS WITH
DISABILITIES**

“Inclusion: Breaking Barriers...Opening Doors”

SPONSORED BY TRANSDEV









Disability Awareness Committee

presents the

10th Annual

**International Competition
for Artists with Disabilities**

2015

Premiere Sponsor 

Brochure design by IC Design



Phoenix Sister Cities International Competition For Artists

**With Disabilities
2015**

Sponsored By:



Competition Fact Sheet

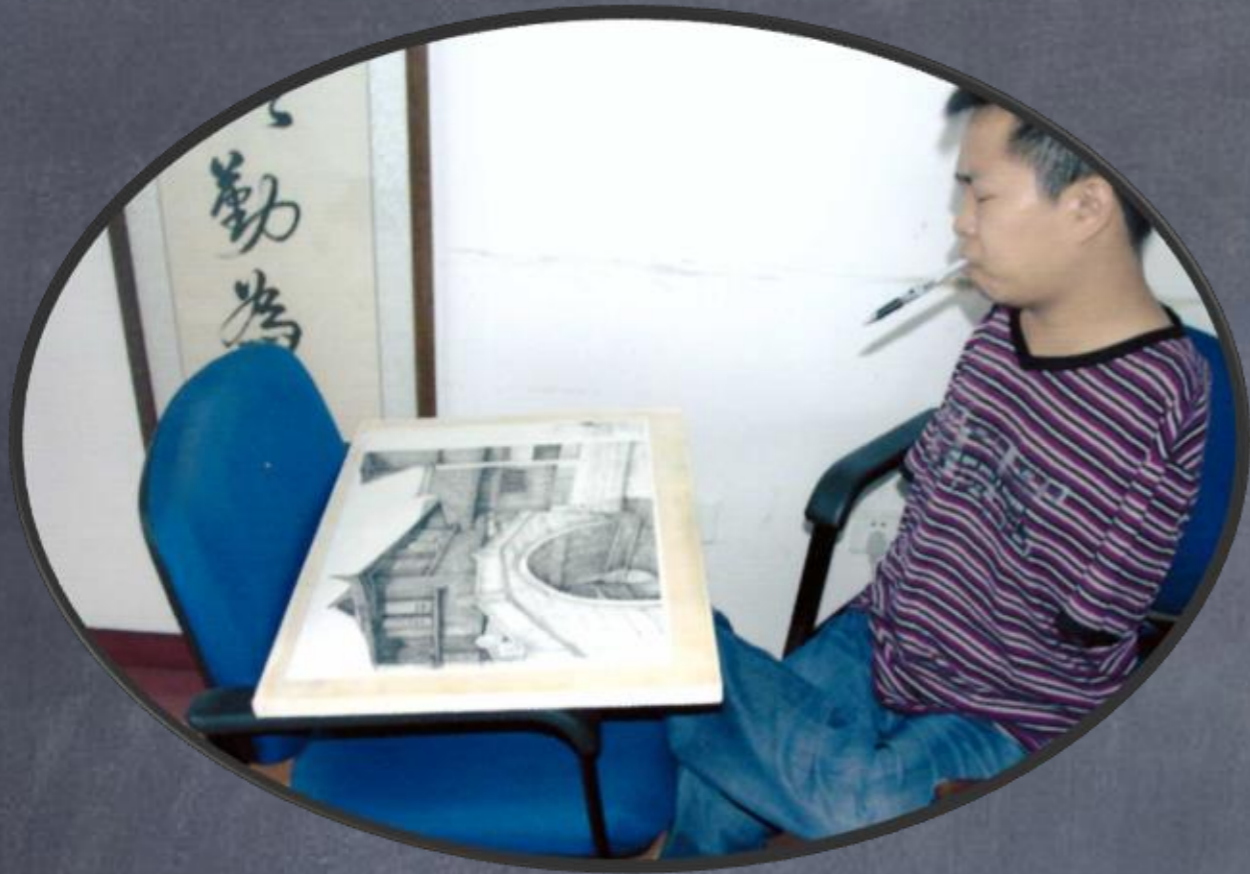
Eligibility	Persons 19 years of age and older with a disability residing in the State of Arizona or one of Phoenix's ten sister cities: Calgary, Canada; Catania, Italy; Chengdu, China; Ennis, Ireland; Grenoble, France; Hermosillo, Mexico; Himeji, Japan; Prague, Czech Republic; Ramat-Gan, Israel; and Taipei, Taiwan.
Type of Art	Two dimensional watercolors, pastels, pen and ink, charcoal, photography, mixed media, and computer-generated art. All artwork <i>must</i> be mounted.
Size	<u>No larger than 24"x30" (60cm x 75cm, including matting).</u>
Theme	<i>"A Voice of Our Own"</i>
Entry Options	A. Competition: Compete for prize money for 1 st , 2 nd , and 3 rd place. No entry fee, but 1 st piece donated to Disability Awareness Committee (DAC). If multiple entries, <u>specify</u> which is for donation; otherwise DAC will choose donated piece. Any additional pieces sold, split proceeds 50/50 between artist and DAC. B. Exhibition: No prize money, but awards for 1 st , 2 nd , and 3 rd place; \$15 entry fee per participant regardless of number of entries. Participants responsible for picking up their artwork or covering cost of packaging and mailing.
Judging	A panel of judges will evaluate entries on the basis of theme interpretation.
Due Date	October 9 th , 2015
Prizes	<u>\$500 first place; \$300 second place, and \$150 third place, \$500 People's Choice. A certificate of participation will be given to all entrants.</u>
Packing and Shipping	Art should be well-protected for shipment and shipped so that it reaches Phoenix by the contest due date. Please ship art to AICCD, 4545 North 36 th Street, Suite 125A Phoenix, AZ 85018
Awards Event	Friday evening November 6 th , 2015 at the Warehouse 1005 Studio and Gallery, 1005 N 1 st Street, Phoenix, AZ, 85004.
Contact Person	Mary Jane Trunzo at mjtrunzo@mindspring.com or call 602-224-0202



PSC/DAC is excited to offer recognition to those artists who have reached beyond their disability and utilized their creative talents to promote a global understanding of disabilities.

2015 ICAD Theme:
“A Voice of Our Own”







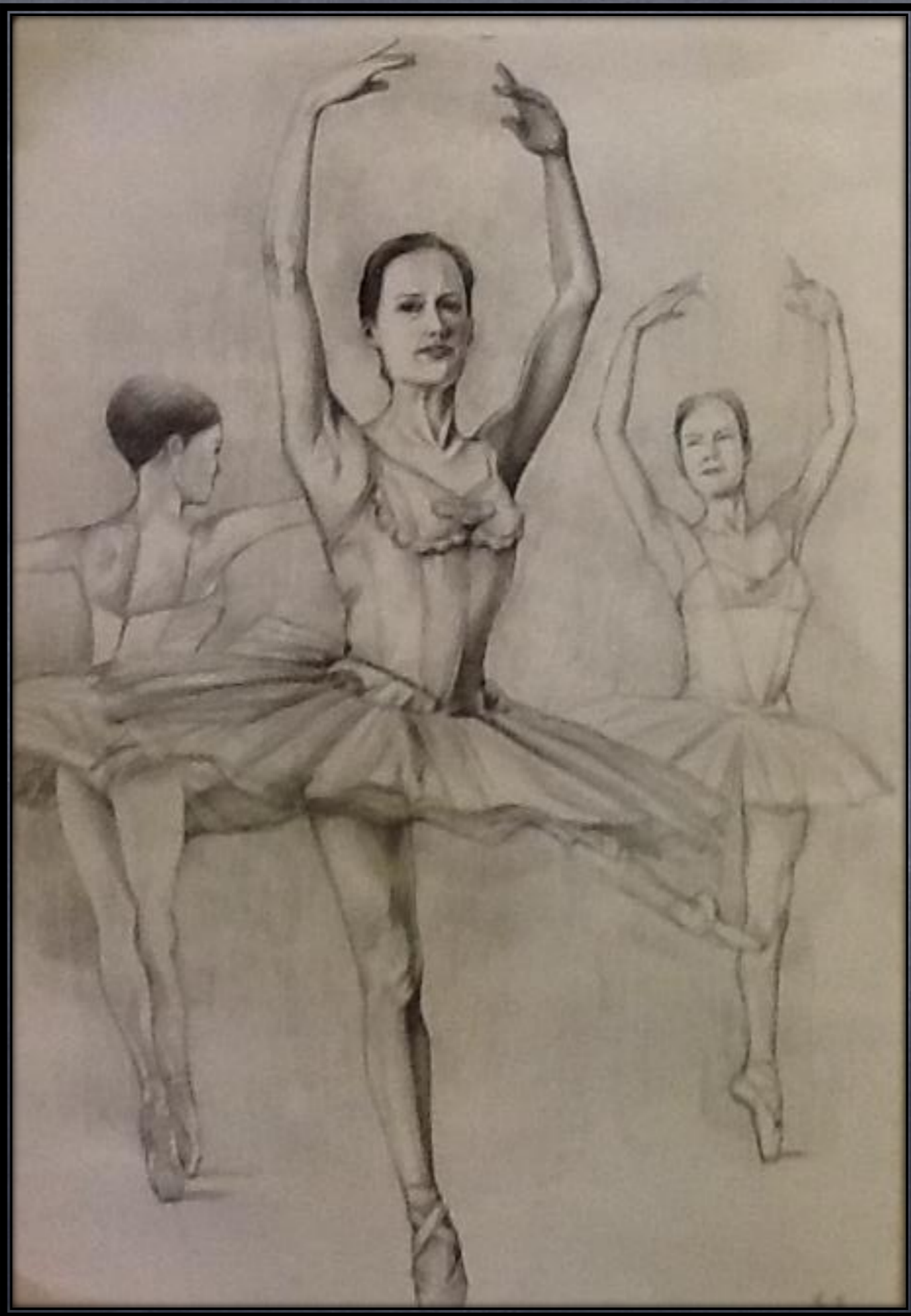


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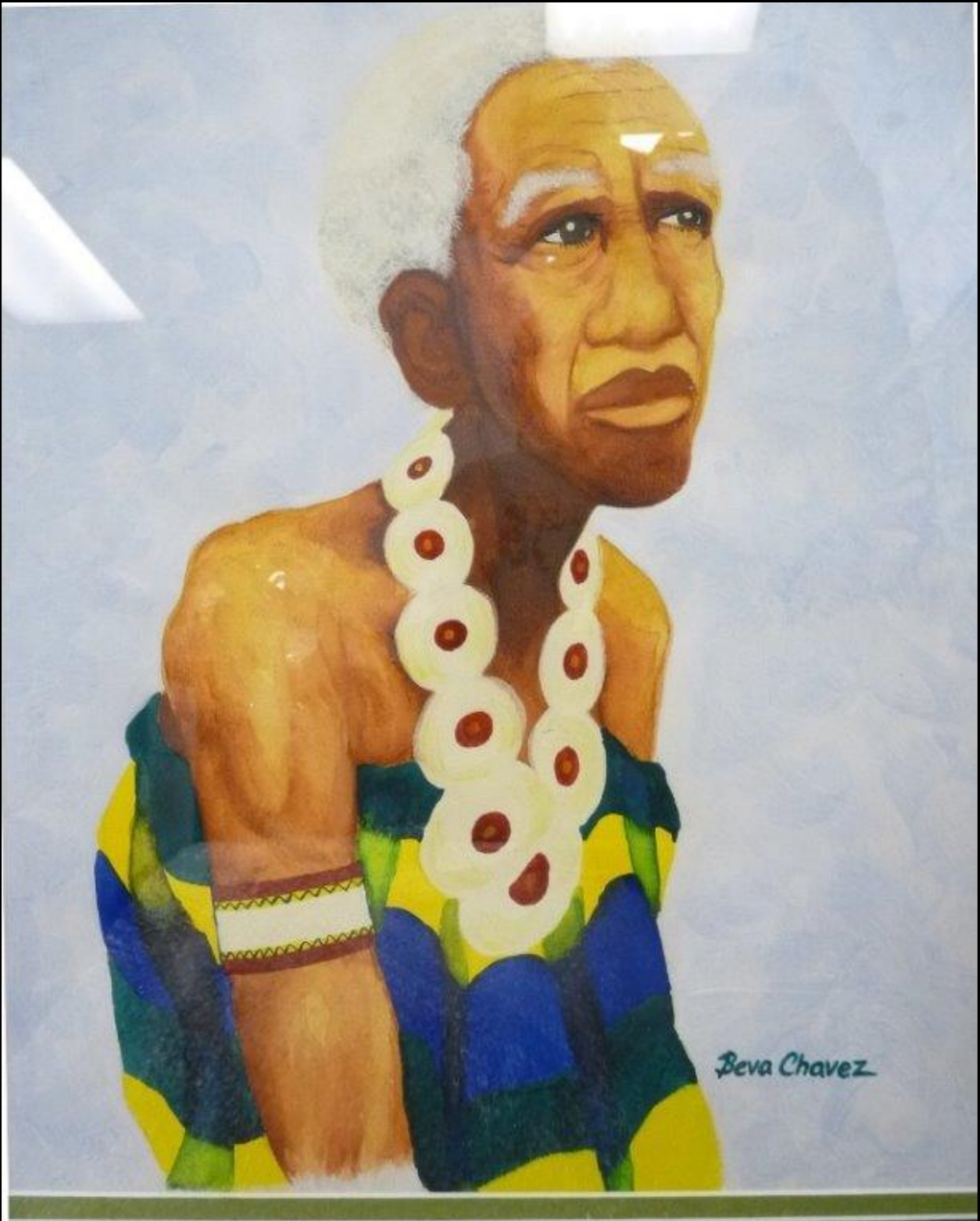
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Barry H.
Starr PDX

INVITATION

To: All SCI City Members

From: PSC/DAC

Date: November 6, 2015

Due Date: October 9, 2015

Re: Enter ICAD/IPC Competitions
(EXHIBITION CATEGORY)

International Competition for Writers with Disabilities (ICWD)

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION FOR WRITERS WITH DISABILITIES

“Poets are soldiers that liberate words from the steadfast possession of definition.”

- *Eli Khamarov, The Shadow Zone*

“The smell of ink is intoxicating to me - others may have wine, but I have poetry.”

- *Abbe Yeux-verdi*

This contest provides an opportunity for persons with disabilities to display their creativity through poetry.

WHAT TO SUBMIT:

ELIGIBILITY

Each participating writer, with a disability, must be at least 19 years of age by the competition's due date. Entries should be inspired by the theme and must be original unpublished work. Each writer may submit multiple entries.

Each entry must be submitted with a completed official entry form. All writers with disabilities 19 years and older from Arizona are eligible to participate, along with Phoenix Sister City international counterparts.

HOW TO SUBMIT:

FORMAT SPECIFICATION

- Poems shall be no more than 32 lines.
- Poems must be written in English.
- Poems must be submitted with a cover page listing the author's name, address, and phone number.
- The author's name must not be on the poem itself.
- Style is open.
- Subject matter is open, but must be consistent with the theme.
- It is requested that entries be submitted electronically in PDF or word file format, but please contact us for any special accommodation needed at: mjtrunzo@mindspring.com.
- Entries not conforming to contest rules will be disqualified; entry fees will not be returned.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

The grand prize winner will receive a \$500 cash award. Cash awards will also be given to 2nd place (\$300) and 3rd place (\$150) winners.

A press release will be distributed to recognize all finalists. All entrants will receive a “Certificate of Participation” and recognition will be given to those entries that placed first, second, and third. Entries will also be published on the PSC/DAC website.

Phoenix Sister Cities International Competition For Writers with Disabilities



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2016 Competition Fact Sheet

Eligibility	Persons 19 years of age and older with a disability residing in the City of Phoenix or one of Phoenix's ten sister cities: Calgary, Canada; Catania, Italy; Chengdu, China; Ennis, Ireland; Grenoble, France; Hermosillo, Mexico; Himeji, Japan; Prague, Czech Republic; Ramat-Gan, Israel; and Taipei, Taiwan.
Type of Writing	Poems of 32 lines or less submitted in English.
Theme	" A Voice of Our Own "
Entry Fee	\$15 per entrant for residents of Phoenix. No fee for residents of any one of Phoenix's ten sister cities.
Submittal Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poems are requested to be submitted by e-mail as Word or Adobe files. E-mail to mjtrunzo@mindspring.com • Poems must be submitted with a cover note listing the author's name, address and phone number. • The name must be on the poem itself. • <u>Poems must be submitted in English.</u> Poems not submitted in English will be sent to the PSC board. If poems cannot be translated by members of the PSC board, poems will be translated through a computerized program. • Subject matter is open, but must be consistent with the theme. • Entries not conforming to contest rules will be disqualified; entry fees will not be returned. • A panel of judges will evaluate entries based on theme interpretation, composition and originality.
Judging	
Due Date	May 13 th , 2016
Prizes	1 st -\$500, 2 nd -\$300, 3 rd - \$150. Certificates of Participation will be provided to all participants.
Publication	Poems will be published on the Phoenix Sister Cities website and made available internationally.
Awards Event	Friday June 10 th , 2016, 7:00 p.m. at Lucy's Healthy Marketplace; 1590 Bethany Home Road, Phoenix, AZ 85014
For More Information	Contact: Mary Jane Trunzo at mjtrunzo@mindspring.com or call 602-224-0202.

My Difference

I am here, it whispered.

I know, I murmured in reply.
You weren't always here.
I was happy. Life is different now.

At first I was scared because I wasn't the same and people thought I was.
They said, "You look great, you're fine, nothing is wrong."
So, I decided to believe them and act like nothing was different.

I am here, it whispered.

And I know you were.
You were invisible, but you changed me profoundly.
I was different and couldn't always know how.

Yet, I still fought you because I couldn't see the invisible.
And those around me didn't want to see the invisible.
So, who was the joke on?

I am here, it whispered.

I became hopeful. I'm different now, I said.
Different means different -- not better, not worse, but different.
My hope asked me to become friends with my difference.

I am here, it whispered.

So we got to know each other -- my difference and me.
Hope sat with us and listened.
With each new understanding, hope grew.

I am here, it whispered.

Yes, I know, and you are a special part of me now.
With my difference and hope and me, all as one.
I am amazing.

I am here, it whispered.

Yes, I know. You and I are one.
When I cannot do as I did before,
You challenge me to embrace my difference and be me.

I am here, it whispered.

Yes, and together we can achieve the impossible.

“My hope
asked me to
become friends
with my
difference.”



About Barbara Chatzkel

Barbara Chatzkel has lived in the Valley of the Sun since 2004. She grew up in New York City, but has lived in many places throughout the United States. Barbara owns and runs her consulting practice, the New River Group, which helps organizations deal with the impact of changing conditions. She has been fortunate to work with criminal justice jurisdictions in helping them to implement evidence-based practices in offender programming. She also works with leaders and leadership teams to improve their performance. In May 2011 she had a benign brain tumor removed and has been in cognitive therapy since dealing with the impacts of an acquired brain injury. Barbara thanks her strong support system for their ongoing support, encouragement, and love during her journey.

“Thank you for inviting me to participate for the 3rd year, this unique poetry opens an extraordinary window inviting me to go deeper, change, expand, and appreciate a wide view of what’s possible... inspiring...”

- Holly Parsons

Columnist/Writer, Prime Times Magazine



June 12, 2015

Phoenix Sister Cities
Disability Awareness Committee
Phoenix, AZ

Welcome to the annual International Competition for Writers with Disabilities!

Thank you for participating and supporting the 6th annual *Phoenix Sister Cities International Competition for Writers with Disabilities*. Through your efforts, local and international participants have the opportunity to earn recognition and win awards for their creativity.

This event also brings awareness to emerging writers in our disabled community. The quality and depth of these submissions demonstrates the boundless capabilities of persons with disabilities.

Lastly, thank you to the members of the Phoenix Sister Cities Disability Awareness Committee for organizing this annual event. We are proud to host such an important event and wish all participants the best of luck

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Stanton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. The first name "Greg" is written in a larger, more prominent script, and "Stanton" follows in a similar but slightly smaller script.

Greg Stanton
Mayor

International Photography Competition (IPC)





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2nd Annual International Photography Competition



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COMMITTEE PRESENTS



"A Voice Of Our Own"

PHOENIX SISTER CITIES 2015 INTERNATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

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<p>ELIGIBILITY</p>	<p>Persons residing in the City of Phoenix or Arizona, or one of Phoenix's 10 sister cities: Calgary, Canada; Chengdu, China; Catania, Italy; Ennis, Ireland; Grenoble, France; Hermosillo, Mexico; Himeji, Japan; Prague, Czech Republic; Ramat-Gan, Israel; and Taipei, Taiwan.</p> <p>Entries outside of above listed geographic areas will be placed in an exhibition category.</p>
<p>THEME</p>	<p>"A Voice of Our Own"</p>
<p>ENTRY FEE</p>	<p>\$5 per entry for all submissions; however, no fee for residents of any one of Phoenix's 10 sister cities.</p>
<p>SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photographs are requested to be submitted by email as JPG/JPEG or other formats if accommodation is requested. Email entry to: mjtrunzo@mindspring.com • Photographs must be submitted with a cover note listing the photographer's name, address, and phone number. • The name must be on the photograph submission. • Style is open. • Subject matter is open, but must be consistent with the theme. • Complete application online at phoenixsistercities.org • Entries not conforming to contest rules will be disqualified; entry fees will not be returned.
<p>JUDGING</p>	<p>A panel of judges will evaluate entries based on theme interpretation, composition, and originality.</p>
<p>DUE DATE</p>	<p>October 9th, 2015</p>
<p>PRIZES</p>	<p>1st: \$500, 2nd: \$300, 3rd: \$150, People's Choice: \$500. A certificate of participation will be provided</p>

PSC-DAC DISABILITY DELEGATIONS



International Training Workshops



- Traumatic Brain Injury Training: Hermosillo, Mexico; Grenoble, France; Taipei, Taiwan
- Occupational Therapy Training: Hermosillo, Mexico



**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
PHOENIX SISTER CITIES COMMISSION
DISABILITY AWARENESS COMMITTEE MEETING**

Pursuant to A.R.S. Section 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the **PHOENIX SISTER CITIES COMMISSION** and to the general public, that the **DISABILITY AWARENESS COMMITTEE** will hold a meeting open to the public on **Tuesday, May 5th, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.** located at 7825 N Invergordon Place, Paradise Valley, AZ, 85253. Teleconference information: 602-744-5850 ID#23646

The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

1.	Call to Order	
2.	Welcome and Introductions (Discussion)	M. Sleseman
3.	Approval April 7th, 2015 meeting minutes (Report/Discussion/Possible Action)	
4.	Committee Funds Status (Report/Discussion/Possible Action)	R. Gerrard, M.J. Trunzo
5.	2015 International Competition for Writers with Disabilities (Report/Discussion/Possible Action)	M.J. Trunzo R. Baethke
	1. Theme for 2015: "Inclusion: Breaking Barriers...Opening Doors"	
	2. Letter from Mayor	
	3. Send out Letters to Judges/score sheets	
	4. Venue-Luc's/dinner for winners	
	5. Program/Brochure	
6.	Printing cost for brochures-Joseph	J. Gesullo
6.	2015 International Competition for Artists with Disabilities (Report/Discussion/Possible Action)	M.J. Trunzo R. Baethke J. Gesullo
	1. Theme for 2015 - "A Voice of Our Own"	
	2. "Preview" Fund Raiser/Sponsorship Packs	
	3. Brochure/Artwork to David Iles	
	4. Transdev- Art Donation	
	5. Art Winner's Cards/Calendars (on hold)	
	6. Venue	
7.	2015 International Photography Competition: (Report/ Discussion/Possible Action)	M. J. Trunzo B. Chatzkel N. Bowles
	1. Theme for 2015-"A Voice of Our Own"	
	2. Judges	
	3. Early Advertising/PR	
8.	Wells Fargo Sponsorship for DAC Arts/Cultural Projects	R. Gerrard
9.	Liaison with Hermosillo (Projects)	M.J. Trunzo
	1. PSC/DAC OT Delegation to Hermosillo (Report/Discussion/Possible Action)-on hold	
	2. First Aid Training to Hermosillo (Report/discussion/Possible Action)-on hold	
10.	Holiday Bear and Book Event (Report/Discussion/Possible Action)	M.J. Trunzo B. Chatzkel
	1. Date: Saturday December 12 th , 2015	
	2. Potential Sponsors/Sponsorship Package	
11.	Website-DAC Update	N. Bowles B. Chatzkel
12.	FY15/16 Events and Activities (Discussion/Action)	M. Sleseman
13.	Upcoming PSC Events	R. Gerrard
14.	Next meeting is Tuesday June 2nd, 2015	
15.	Call to the Public (Not for Discussion)	
16.	Call to Adjourn	

For further information, please call Phoenix Sister Cities Commission at 602-534-3751. For reasonable accommodations, call Phoenix Sister Cities Commission at Voice/602-534-3751 or TTY/602-534-5000 as early as possible to coordinate needed arrangements.



The Phoenix Sister Cities, Disability Awareness Committee has been the proud recipient of:

- Phoenix Sister Cities International, Disabilities Advocacy Award: '11, '07, '05, '04, '01, '00, '99, '98
- Mayor's Commission on Disability Issues Award, 2014

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Recreational Facility for Disabled Hermosillo, Mexico







Hermosillo City Hall ADA Compliant Elevator & Ramp

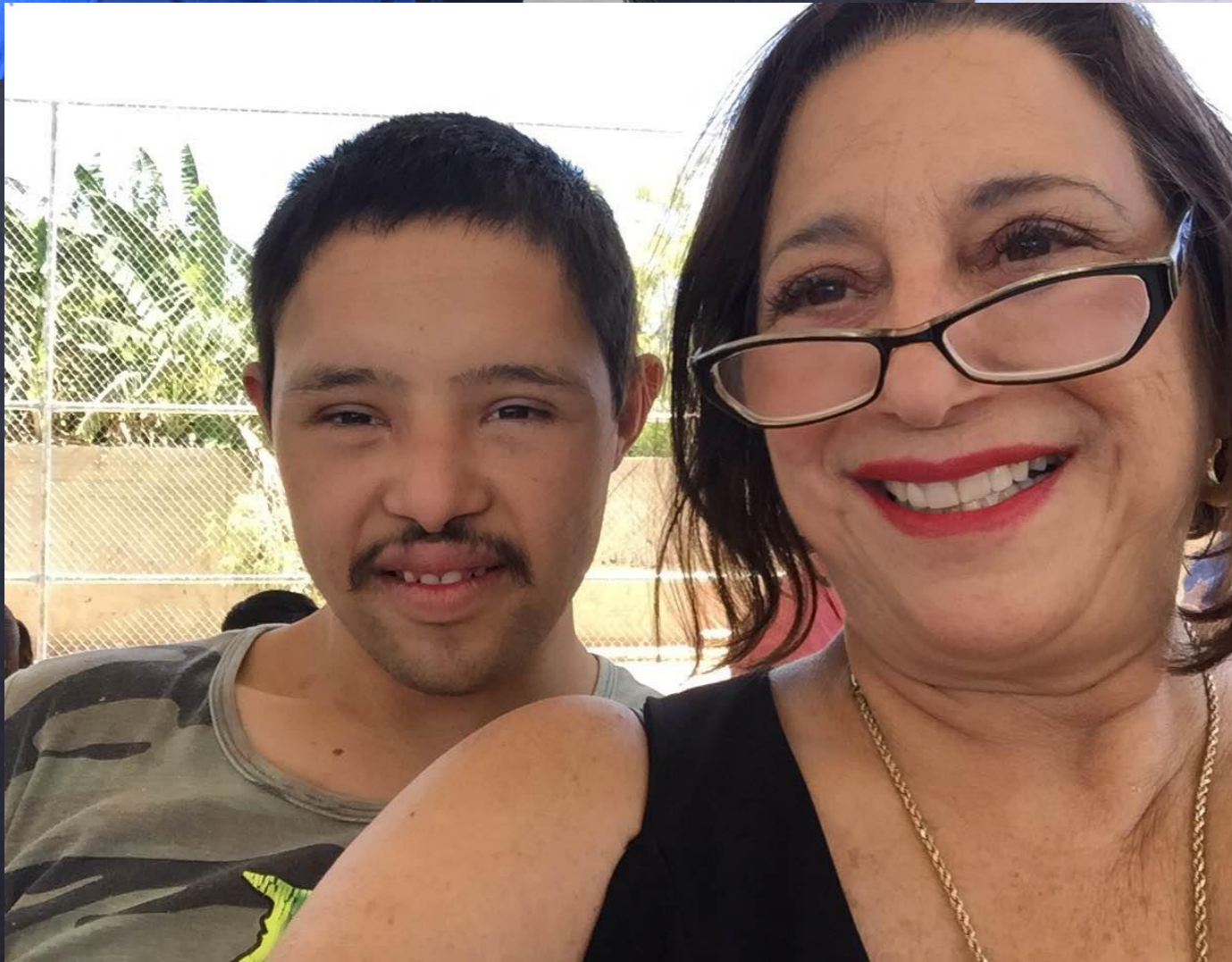


Hermosillo “Lion King” Project







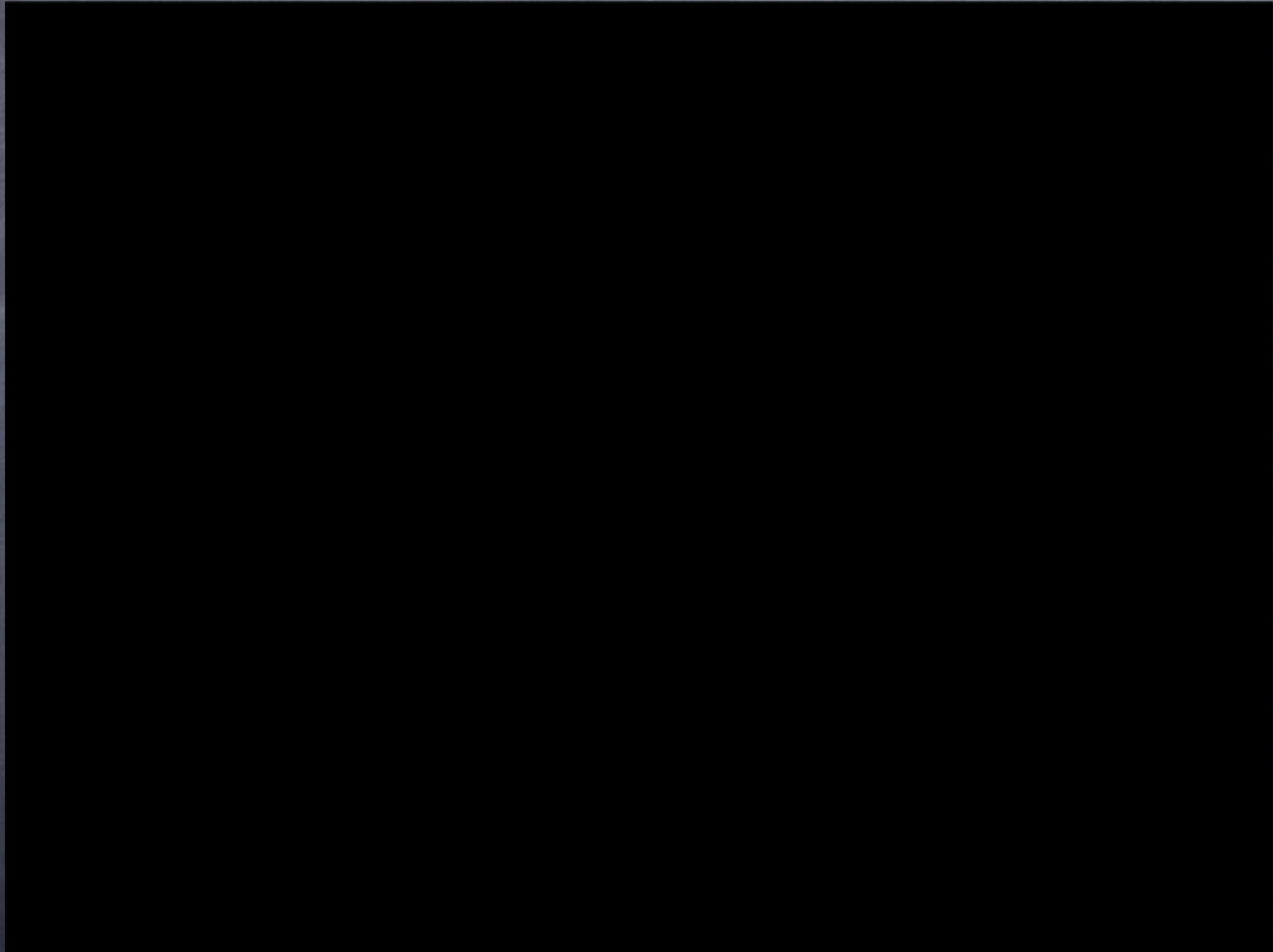




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- Universal Declaration of Human Rights
www.un.org/en/documents/udhr/
- Human Rights of Persons with Disabilities
www.un.org/disabilities/default.asp?id=107
- Work of the United Nations for Persons with disabilities
www.un.org/disabilities/
- Mobility International
www.miusa.org
- VSA The International Organization on Arts and Disability
www.kennedy-center.org/education/vsa/
- National Arts and Disability Center
www.semel.ucla.edu/nadc
- Phoenix Mayor's Commission on Disability Issues
www.phoenix.gov/eod/commissions/commissionsmcdi/index.html
- PSA Art Awakenings
www.artawakenings.org/studios/phoenix



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INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION FOR ARTISTS WITH DISABILITIES