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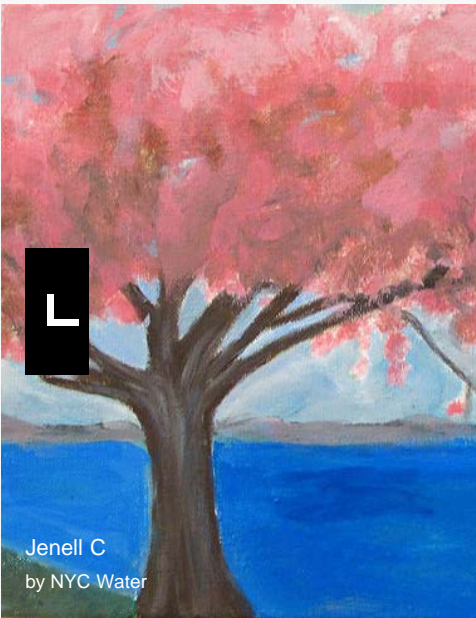
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Department of Environmental Protection Launches 31st Annual Water Resources Art & Poetry Contest for Second Through 12th Grade Students



Nearly 1,800 Students Representing 100 Schools Entered Original Works of Art and Poetry in 2016; Work of the Art Champions is Available on [DEP's Flickr Page](#)

New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Acting Commissioner Vincent Sapienza today announced the launch of the 31st annual Water Resources Art and Poetry Contest. Second through twelfth grade students attending public, independent, charter or parochial schools and/or home-schooled in New York City, and in the East and West of Hudson watersheds, are invited to create original art and compose poetry that reflects an appreciation for our shared water resources. Entries will be accepted [online](#) until March 8, 2017.


“For 31 years, the annual Art and Poetry contest has provided a venue for young New Yorkers to learn about the importance of protecting our environment while simultaneously developing their own means of artistic expression,” said DEP Acting Commissioner Sapienza. “Nearly half the State of New York relies on the City’s water supply system so this is a terrific opportunity for students in both New York City and watershed school systems to celebrate our shared natural resources.”

Students can submit poems and artwork including paintings, collages, three-dimensional models, photography, animation and videos of dance performances, public service announcements and songs based on five central themes: water,

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