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## **iaedp Announces Top 5 Finalists for Imagine Me Art Competition**

PEKIN, IL (Feb. 3, 2015) -- The International Association of Eating Disorders Professionals (iaedp) announces the 2015 top five finalists in the 5<sup>th</sup> annual “Imagine Me Beyond What You See” body image mannequin art competition, sponsored by [ASCENDchc](#). Selected from 18 submissions from the United States and Canada, the top five finalists will be showcased and the winner revealed at the 30<sup>th</sup> annual iaedp 2015 Symposium, March 19 – 22 in Phoenix.

Entries included mannequins created in collaboration between clients, residents, counselors, and art therapists from treatment centers, both residential and outpatient, hospitals, private practice, researcher/health coach, graduate student and artist. The mixed-medium works are judged on clarity of theme, creativity and originality, quality of composition and design and the overall impression and presentation of the artwork. The 2015 judges include Michelle Dean, MA, ATR-BC, LPC, CG, Board Certified Art Psychotherapist and Professional Member of American Art Therapy Association; Fritz Liedtke, Photographic Fine Artist and author; and Leigh Cohn, MAT, CEDS, author, artist and owner of Gurze Books.

“The diverse and creative responses to this year’s challenge were inspiring, and I appreciated the artists’ efforts to push the boundaries of form, structure, and identity through their visual representations,” says Michelle Dean. “Reading through the descriptions, I was particularly struck by the powerful themes of warrior and journeyer. I wish the courageous individuals who participated in this project and those who are not yet on their journey, the strength and fortitude to claim their path of recovery.”

The Top Five 2015 finalists are:

- **Rising from the Ashes** by Rogers Memorial Hospital
- **Odyssey** by Eating Recovery Center IP/Res
- **Self-Preservation** by Rebecca Tishman
- **Set Yourself Free, Piece by Piece** by Cambridge Eating Disorder Centers/Adolescent
- **Broken and Mended, Stronger Than Before** by Laura Riss, PsyD of Kaiser Permanente/GA

The 2015 Roster of Entries includes:

- 1 **The Return of the Wild Woman** by *University of Florida Health Eating Disorder Recovery Center*

- 2 **Rising from the Ashes** by *Rogers Memorial Hospital*
- 3 **Light From Within** by *Castlewood at Monarch Cove*
- 4 **Odyssey** by *Eating Recovery Center IP/Res*
- 5 **Nature's Way** by *Eating Recovery Center PHP*
- 6 **Rewire** by *Eating Recovery Center IOP*
- 7 **The Vulnerability Warrior** by *Veritas Collaborative*
- 8 **Self-Preservation** by *Rebecca Tishman*
- 9 **The Tree of My Body** by *Fraser North Eating Disorders Programs*
- 10 **Set Yourself Free, Piece by Piece** by *Cambridge Eating Disorder Centers/Adolescent*
- 11 **The Climb** by *Cambridge Eating Disorder Centers*
- 12 **Shine From Within** by *Doctor's Health and Wellness Center*
- 13 **Broken and Mended, Stronger Than Before** by *Laura Riss, PsyD of Kaiser  
Permanente*
- 14 **Soul Portrait** by *Shoreline Treatment Center for Eating Disorders*
- 15 **Beauty from Ashes; emerging new hope and life** by *Eating Disorders Treatment  
Center*
- 16 **A Caged Spirit** by *Willow Place*
- 17 **Seasons of Recovery** by *Rebecca Brennan*
- 18 **Warrior** by *The Renfrew Center of Northern New Jersey*

Imagine Me Beyond What You See Awards Ceremony will be held Thursday, March 19 during iaedp's Opening Night Dinner. The evening opens iaedp's signature International Flag Procession, spotlighting the International and United States Chapter Delegations. The Imagine Me Awards presentation will include the Professionals' Choice Award, voted on by iaedp membership, Symposium attendees and the general public.

View the entire 2015 Roster of Entries at <http://iaedp.com/ImagineMe.htm> where it is possible to vote for favorite entries.