

"Mutating the Signature" Competition Includes Unlikely Poet and Artist Collaboration

March 16, 2009 (Lynn, MA) – Separated by approximately thirty years in age, living in different towns, and practicing creative pursuits that are by tradition, solitary in nature, it would seem unlikely to find critically acclaimed author/poet Tom Sheehan and award winning pastel artist Jeff Fioravanti to cross paths, be it in life, or their creative pursuits. Such assumptions however would be proven wrong by their recent collaboration and acceptance in the Qarrtsiluni "Mutating the Signature" competition.

"He's Created What I Have in Mind" a poem written by Sheehan in response to Fioravanti's "en plein air" pastel painting "Lily / Pranker's Pond" has completely encompassed the spirit behind the "Mutating the Signature" competition in which, two or more parties were to work together to create a piece of art. As part of the entry, and because process is so important to the creation, the steps taken by the duo or group also needed to be detailed for consideration and inclusion in the competition.

The online literary magazine Qarrtsiluni sponsored the competition, and the entry by Sheehan and Fioravanti has garnered some strong responses through the comments section of the publication.

"WONDERFUL collaboration!! Jeff's creation was exceptional and hearing the voice of Tom Sheehan reading it is a gift" highlight some of the positive sentiment bestowed upon the entry from these two talented individuals. To see the entry, read the poem, or even better, hear the author read the poem, please visit <http://qarrtsiluni.com/2009/01/30/hes-created-what-i-have-in-mind/#comments>.

Tom Sheehan lives in Saugus, Massachusetts. He has been nominated for 10 Pushcart awards, has received a Noted Story of 2007 nomination, and has received the Georges Simenon Award. He has written numerous books, including recent releases "Brief Case and Short Stories" from Press 53, and "From the Quickening" published by Pocol Press of Virginia. More on Sheehan can be found at <http://www.milspeak.org/TomHome2.htm>.

Jeff Fioravanti lives in Lynn, Massachusetts. He belongs to and holds "Signature" status in numerous national pastel organizations including the prestigious Pastel Society of America of New York, New York. Recently Fioravanti was named as part of the 10th Annual Pastel 100 Art Competition sponsored by The Pastel Journal, and won the Allied Artist Award in the 15th Annual "Renaissance in Pastel" national competition as well as numerous other honors and awards throughout his artistic career. To learn more about Jeff, visit www.fioravanti-fineart.com.

