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Founded in 2009, our mission is to promote traditional and non-traditional printmaking, encourage print collecting, and further the professional growth of our members through citywide outreach, public art functions, and annual member exhibitions.

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On behalf of the Board and members of PrintMatters, and in conjunction with PrintHouston and the Nicole Longnecker Gallery, I would like to congratulate and thank you for being a part of PrintMatter's NEXT 2017. Our organization is thrilled by the outpouring of support from the Houston Art Community due to the outstanding nature of your contemporary contribution to print media. The exhibition is a visually stunning and conceptually compelling mixture of some of the best print-based work being created by living artists. We are so very pleased that you were one of the artists participating in this inspiring exhibition.

We received 350 submissions from 123 artists from across North America (Canada, Mexico and the United States). In a blind jury process, Nancy Palmeri, Professor, MFA Director and Assistant Chairperson of Art and Art History at the University of Texas at Arlington, selected 30 pieces from 26 artists. From these 30 works, Professor Palmeri chose three works to receive prizes from our organization. The prize winners are as follows:

First Prize of \$1,000: Marco Hernandez, *Volando Arriba del Caracol*, Etching

Second Prize of \$500: David Curcio, *Yakuza Print: Glassy Day*, Woodcut

Third Prize of \$250: Lois Harada, *Notice*, Letterpress print

The winning images and pictures from the opening reception will be posted to our website if you were unable to attend the exhibition, <http://www.printmattershouston.org>.

Again, thank you for sharing your creative endeavors with us by being a part of NEXT 2017. We are also grateful that you were part of the opportunity to expose and enlighten our community about contemporary printmaking during PrintHouston 2017, our biennial summer-long celebration of original prints, the artists who create them, and the people who collect them. Your participation helps our organization in bringing together the best in contemporary and traditional printmaking today.

PrintMatters hopes that you will submit your work again to NEXT 2019.

Katherine Rhodes Fields
President of PrintMatters