



Racine, WI April 24, 2014

### **RAM 5th Annual International PEEPS Art Exhibition Bigger and Better Than Ever!**

Within the pristine white walls of the Racine Art Museum, an untraditional exhibition showcasing fluffy, sugar-coated marshmallow PEEPS is open through Sunday, May 4. The ***RAM 5th Annual International PEEPS Art Exhibition*** features 129 entries showcasing the talents of over 157 artists. Visitors will discover colorful creations such as *In Peeps We Trust* featuring a handcrafted metal bill, a pop culture favorite with *Pepton Abbey: The Death of Matthew*, and *The Real Reason for Potholes*.

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First Peep Winner - Adult Category  
**Jude Poplawski**, *Factory Meltdown*

During the Artist Reception and Awards Ceremony on Thursday, April 17, Bruce W. Pepich, RAM Executive Director and Curator of Collections, hosted the awards presentation to honor the most accomplished artists in this competition. In addition to Pepich, judges included John Dickert, Mayor of the City of Racine; Lisa Englander, RAM Principal, Guest Relations and the Retail Division; and Lolli Haws, Ph.D. Superintendent of Schools, Racine Unified School District.

Congratulations to:

**First Peep - Adult Category**

Jude Poplawski - *Factory Meltdown*

**First Peep - Under 12 Category**

Alissa Burke - *Boupeep*

**First Peep - Family/Group/Organization Category**

David Eickelberg and Angela Janota - *Peep Accent Choir*

**FOR COMPLETE LIST OF WINNERS AND ARTISTS**

Visitors to the museum are encouraged to vote for their favorite PEEPS work of art to decide who will take home the coveted PEEPls Choice Award. Voting continues through Saturday, May 4.

Exhibitions are made possible at Racine Art Museum by:  
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**RAM at 10 | Growing America's Craft Collection**

This year marks the Racine Art Museum's 10th Anniversary in Downtown Racine. Visitors are invited to discover stunning exhibitions that shine a light on RAM's achievements over the past decade and predict an even brighter future.

Together, the two campuses of the Racine Art Museum, RAM in downtown Racine at 441 Main Street and the Charles A. Wustum Museum of Fine Arts at 2519 Northwestern Avenue, seek to elevate the stature of contemporary crafts to that of fine art by exhibiting significant works in craft media with painting, sculpture and photography, while providing outstanding educational art programming.

Docent led contemporary craft and architectural tours of the museums are available. Both campuses of the Racine Art Museum are open to the public Tuesday - Saturday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm, and are closed Mondays, Federal holidays and Easter. RAM is open Sunday Noon - 5:00 pm, while Wustum is closed Sundays. An admission fee of \$5 for adults, with reduced fees for students and seniors, applies at RAM. Admission to Wustum is free. Members are always admitted without charge to either campus.

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