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MILWAUKEE PUBLIC MUSEUM

The Milwaukee Public Museum announces its 10th annual poetry competition for Wisconsin students.

THEME: 10@MPM | DEADLINE: April 27, 2018

To celebrate the tenth anniversary of the Competition, this year's theme is: "10@MPM," which focuses on ten iconic exhibits that highlight the Museum, its collections and mission, and celebrate its legacy as one of the region's most treasured cultural institutions.

While any of our exhibits could easily qualify as signature features of the institution, we have chosen the following ten due to their consistent popularity, and their potential to inspire rich poetic interpretation:

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| 1. Hebior Mammoth | 6. Native American Pow Wow |
| 2. Humpback Whale Skeleton | 7. Crow Indian Bison Hunt |
| 3. Streets of Old Milwaukee | 8. Maasai Lion Hunt |
| 4. Butterfly Vivarium | 9. Crossroads of Civilization |
| 5. Hell Creek | 10. Japanese House and Garden |

We heartily encourage students to visit the Museum and tour these renowned exhibits for inspiration. However, it is not necessary for students to visit the Museum in order to participate. Students may also be inspired by the exhibit photographs and descriptions featured in the Poetry Competition Teacher Lesson Guide, where you may also find full submission details: www.mpm.edu/poetry

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:

- All submissions must be word-processed. Single-spaced text is acceptable.
- Submissions will be accepted from Wisconsin students in 3rd through 12th grades only.
- Poems may not exceed 30 lines.
- Each poem must have a title.
- Each poem must focus on the theme, "10@MPM" (the ten signature exhibits listed above). Poems not focusing on one of these exhibits will not be considered.
- Please avoid: decorative fonts, illustrations, and colored paper, which make submissions more difficult to read.
- For complete contest details and submission guidelines, download the Teacher Lesson Guide.
- Electronic submissions are now accepted for the Poetry Competition.

For more information, please contact the Poetry Competition Coordinator and Lead Judge, Richard Hedderman. Email: hedderman@mpm.edu | Phone: 414-278-2718