New York, NY, May 3, 2017 – The American Academy of Arts and Letters is pleased to announce its exhibition of paintings, works on paper, video, and photographs; architectural models and renderings; and original manuscripts by newly elected members and recipients of honors and awards. Works will be on view from May 18 through June 11, at the Academy galleries located on Audubon Terrace in Washington Heights.

**Paintings, sculptures, works on paper, photographs, videos, architectural models and renderings**

**Newly Elected Members in Art**
Mary Heilmann, Julie Mehretu, Annabelle Selldorf, Stanley Whitney

**The Gold Medal for Painting**
Wayne Thiebaud

**Architecture Award Winners**
Theaster Gates
Paul Goldberger
Walter Hood
Diébédo Francis Kéré
John Ronan

**Art Award Winners**
Marissa Bluestone, Janice Caswell, Louise Despont
Cornelia Foss, Joe Fyfe, Vanessa German
Thomas Lanigan-Schmidt, Joanna Pousette-Dart
Hap Tivey

**Art Purchases**
Joe Ballweg, Andrea Bergart, Marissa Bluestone
Caeclynn Booth, Janice Caswell, Daniella Dooling
Joe Fyfe, David Hornung, Joyce Kozloff
Thomas Lanigan-Schmidt, Kacyyoung Lee
Marilyn Lerner, Michael Luchs, Beverly McIver
Kathy Muehlmann, Helen O’Leary, Walter Robinson
David Seccombe, Jonathan Shahn, Greta Waller

**Manuscripts and personal statements**

**Newly Elected Members in Literature & Music**
Henri Cole, Junot Díaz, Amy Hempel, Edward Hirsch
Ursula K. Le Guin, Colum McCann, Ann Patchett
Kay Ryan, Melinda Wagner, Julia Wolfe
Newly Elected Foreign Honorary Members
Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
Kaija Saariaho
Zadie Smith

Award for Distinguished Service to the Arts
Adam Weinberg

The Gold Medal for Belles Lettres and Criticism
Janet Malcolm

Literature Award Winners
Joan Acocella, Ayad Akhtar, Chris Bachelder
Paul Beatty, Judy Blume, Kathleen Graarber
Jennifer Haigh, Lee Clay Johnson, August Kleinzhler
Elizabeth Kolbert, Robert Macfarlane, Karan Mahajan
Jamaal May, Dominique Morisseau, Lynn Nottage
Richard Sieburth, Safiya Sinclair, Dana Spiotta
Luis Alberto Urrea

Music Award Winners
Lisa Bielawa, Yu-Hui Chang, Ryan Chase
Jan Krzywicki, Andrew Norman, Jake Landau
Eric Guinivan, Saad Haddad, Carl Schimmel
Dalit Warshaw

Exhibition of Work by Newly Elected Members and Recipients of Honors and Awards
May 18 – June 11, 2017
Thursday through Sunday, 1 to 4 p.m.
On Audubon Terrace, west side of Broadway between 155 and 156 Streets, New York City.
#1 train to 157 Street and Broadway
Admission Free

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Each year, the Academy gives over $1 million in awards to artists, architects, writers, and composers. The Academy presents exhibitions of art, architecture, manuscripts, and subsidizes readings and performances of new musicals. The 119-year-old organization is located in three landmark buildings, designed by McKim, Mead & White, Cass Gilbert, and Charles Pratt Huntington, on Audubon Terrace between 155 and 156 streets and Broadway.