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Artist Caroline **Rust '97 Earns** Top Honors at **Pittsburgh Exhibition**

Quick Facts

- "Billie Holiday Wears a Veil Gifted by John Rawls" won Best of Show in the "In-VISIBLE" exhibition at Point Park University.
- Rust created the piece as part of her 2015 residency at the McColl Center for Art + Innovation.



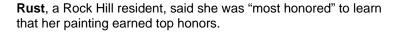
Caroline Rust

"Billie Holiday Wears a Veil Gifted by John

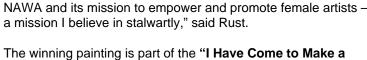
Rawls," oil on undergarments

ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA - Caroline Rust '97 has won Best of Show for her painting "Billie Holiday Wears a Veil Gifted by John Rawls," part of a juried exhibition titled "In-VISIBLE" at Point Park University's Lawrence Hall Gallery in Pittsburgh.

John Carson, head of Carnegie Mellon University's School of Art, judged the exhibition, presented by the National Association of Women Artists, Inc. (NAWA), and awarded Rust's painting Best of Show.



"I am honored to receive the Best of Show award for my piece in this exhibit. Pittsburgh and all its creatives are wonderful, as is NAWA and its mission to empower and promote female artists -



Crooked Line Straight" series she created in 2015 while in residence at the McColl Center for Art + Innovation in Charlotte, North Carolina. Rust explained that "Billie Holiday Wears a Veil

Gifted by John Rawls" interweaves the themes and stories surrounding two well-known figures: jazz musician Billie Holiday, whose experiences with racial injustice nonetheless contributed to her talent and added depth to her expression, and philosopher John Rawls, whose "veil of ignorance" theory posits that under the veil people can function as equals without bias or prejudice.

"Under the veil we are invisible, without bodies; we are our true essence - that is the gift," said Rust.

Rust, a native of Charlotte, earned her B.F.A. (concentration in painting) at East Carolina University and her M.F.A. (concentration in painting) at Winthrop. She is a member of NAWA, and she is a recipient of artist grants from both the Arts Council of York County and the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Arts and Science Council. Rust has patrons worldwide who collect her work, and she exhibits annually in both solo and juried exhibitions across the U.S.

Learn more about **Rust's artwork** on her website, www.carolinerust.com.

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