The Connor Meigs Art Award
Given for artistic merit in loving memory of Robert Connor Meigs

On the cover of a sketchbook Connor wrote, “Art is life and art is soul. Art is not communication, it is dialogue.” Connor was just finding his artistic voice, but the dialogue he was working toward was cut short.

Connor was a 19 year-old art student at the University of Kansas in Lawrence, Kansas at the time of his death on December 24, 2004. He left an unusual legacy of paintings, sculptures, drawings and editorial cartoons, along with stacks of sketchbooks and journals.

Connor was promised a solo exhibit in the historic Florence Mill’s ArtLoft gallery when he graduated from KU. The intent of the Connor Meigs Art Award is to give another talented young artist what Connor was offered but could not experience.

The Connor Meigs Art Award includes a month-long solo exhibit, professional mentoring, invitations, mailing, lodging, and a $1,000 honorarium. It is not just an exhibition. It is an educational experience including one-on-one studio visits with successful working artists.

About the Florence Mill: The ArtLoft is located in Nebraska's oldest business site. The Florence Mill originated in 1846 during the pioneer era as the Winter Quarters gristmill. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the mill now contains a historical Museum and the ArtLoft Gallery.

Recipients of the Connor Meigs Art Award:
2007: Nick Shindell, Phoenix AZ, 2006 BFA Graduate, School of the Art Institute of Chicago.
2008: Sariah Ha, Diamond Bar CA, 2007 Graduate of California State Univ. Fullerton
2009: Stephanie Olesh, Omaha NE, 2008 Graduate of the Rhode Island School of Design
2010: Matthew Farley, Lawrence KS, 2009 Graduate of the University of Kansas

How to Apply:
USA residents only: Graduating or newly graduated BFA recipients may send a resume, artist statement, art list and ten images on CD, with a self-addressed-stamped envelope (for return of application materials) to:
Florence Mill ArtLoft
c/o Linda Meigs
5215 Jackson, Omaha NE 68106.

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