

## **Academy of Art University Students Present Quintessentially San Francisco Photography Exhibit at Newly Unveiled Gallery of Art at Fairmont San Francisco**

*Emerging young artists capture the spirit of the City by the Bay*

([PRWEB](#)) December 21, 2015 -- Academy of Art University and Fairmont San Francisco have partnered to celebrate and showcase the work of young artists in the new Gallery of Art located on the Fairway level of the landmark hotel.

In October, Academy of Art University launched a photography contest inviting students to share their visions of San Francisco. More than 100 students responded to the call, and the hotel unveiled the winning works at a reception honoring the student artists on Dec. 17. The quintessentially San Francisco exhibit will remain on display through next December.

“Throughout its history, San Francisco has inspired artists and their creative work, in turn, has inspired people from around the world to visit our city. We want to help cultivate the careers of art students studying in the Bay Area by giving them a place where their talent can be appreciated,” says Tom Klein, regional vice president and general manager of Fairmont San Francisco.”

The 18 photos that line the Fairway of the hotel show fresh perspectives of iconic San Francisco treasures such as City Hall and the Golden Gate Bridge, and capture timeless glimpses of living in the city. “Les Amoureux Secret” by Leticia Flores illustrates the lure of romance by juxtaposing the well-dressed legs of a couple against the city’s dramatic architecture in a stunning black and white photo.

Grand Prize winner, Kushal Kapoor, received a \$1,000 Fairmont San Francisco gift card for his portrait, “Sail,” which shows a lone sailboat as it passes through the vast shadow cast by the Golden Gate Bridge.

Guests were wowed by Analia Gutierrez’s “Full of Grace,” which presents a thoughtful kaleidoscope of San Francisco images as seen through the artist’s eyes. Having garnered the second highest score for her work, Gutierrez can look forward to a two-night-stay at the hotel, including dinner and breakfast.

“Wonderland” by Qianwen Jiang placed third in the competition and is a composite of images of San Francisco architectural details.

“Academy of Art University’s mission is to help students reach their full potential in myriad creative disciplines, from photography to painting and fashion design to auto design,” said Dr. Elisa Stephens, President of Academy of Art University. “The photography contest for the Fairmont’s Gallery of Art was the perfect opportunity for our students to challenge themselves to produce innovative and breathtaking photos that re-imagine classic San Francisco landmarks and vistas.”

Each Academy of Art University photography student whose work is on display at the Fairmont’s Gallery of Art was awarded an overnight stay at Fairmont San Francisco, including breakfast.

Local contemporary artist, John Waguespack, who as the hotel’s inaugural artist-in-residence transformed a portion of the hotel’s lobby into a working studio in 2013, was on hand to congratulate the artists and encourage



them to follow their dreams.

#### About Academy of Art University

Academy of Art University is the largest accredited private art and design university in the nation. Founded in 1929, the school offers accredited AA, BA, BFA, BS, B.Arch\*, MA, MFA, and M.Arch degree programs in more than 30 areas of study, as well as continuing art education, pre-college art experience programs, certificates and teacher grants.

Classes are available in Acting, Advertising, Animation & Visual Effects, Architectural Design, Architecture, Art Education, Art History, Art Teaching Credential, Automotive Restoration, Costume Design, Fashion, Fashion Journalism, Fashion Styling, Fashion Merchandising, Fashion Visual Merchandising, Fashion Marketing, Fashion Product Development, Fine Art, Game Development, Game Programming, Graphic Design, Illustration, Industrial Design (Transportation & Product Design), Architecture & Interior Design, Jewelry & Metal Arts, Landscape Architecture, Motion Pictures & Television, Multimedia Communications, Music Scoring & Composition, Sound Design, Music Production (AA Only), Photography, Studio Production for Advertising & Design, Visual Development, Web Design & New Media, and Writing for Film, Television & Digital Media. Students can also enroll in flexible online degree programs in most areas of study.

Academy of Art University is an accredited member of WSCUC, NASAD, CIDA (BFA-IAD, MFA-IAD), NAAB (B.Arch\*, M.Arch) and CTC (California Teacher Credential).

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#### About Fairmont San Francisco

Fairmont San Francisco offers 592 newly renovated guest rooms and suites with unrivaled views of the San Francisco Bay Area, three distinctive restaurants, and easy access to the city's most popular attractions. The hotel is located atop Nob Hill at 950 Mason St. For reservations, please call 1-800-441-1414 or visit [fairmont.com/sanfrancisco](http://fairmont.com/sanfrancisco).

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