



The Meaning of Masculinity Explored in New Exhibition
Affinity for Masculinity: An Exhibition of Poetry
Opens June 1 in Las Vegas



Affinity for Masculinity exhibition curators Harry R. Fagel and Rodney J. Lee.
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Exhibition explores the idea of masculinity and examines collective and cultural truths through poetry.

May 24, 2023—LAS VEGAS, NV—Nevada Humanities presents a new exhibition, [*Affinity for Masculinity: An Exhibition of Poetry*](#), on display from **June 1 – July 26, 2023**, at the Nevada Humanities Program Gallery, which is located at 1017 South 1st Street, #190, in Las Vegas. An **in-person reception** will take place on **Thursday, June 1, 2023, at 5 - 8 pm PDT** at the Nevada Humanities Program Gallery, with a poetry reading at **6 pm PDT**. Space is limited. Register for this event at nevadahumanities.org.

Co-curated and hosted by Las Vegas poets **Harry R. Fagel**, and **Rodney J. Lee**, the *Affinity for Masculinity* exhibition explores the collective and cultural experience of masculinity and exposes what this means from the perspective of six Las Vegas-based poets. The following poets are participating in this exhibition: Elizabeth Allen Berry, Ash DelGrego, Harry R. Fagel, Rodney J. Lee, James Norman, and Harrison B. Nuzzo. The exhibition will display their poems in a large format across the walls of the gallery along with a multimedia display.

The *Affinity for Masculinity* exhibition will open with a poetry presentation on June 1, 2023, as part of the exhibition reception, which will be hosted by exhibition curators Harry R. Fagel and Rodney J. Lee. This exhibition will include a display of the presented poems viewable at the Nevada Humanities Program Gallery and online at nevadahumanities.org.

“Thinking about the various attitudes and expectations that surround the idea of masculinity prompted this discussion through the art of poetry,” said Harry R. Fagel, an influential and vibrant Las Vegas poet, who served the community for 25 years as a Police Officer for Las Vegas Metropolitan Police and continues sharing his work and leadership in support of our greater community. “Poetry is life.”

“When it comes to masculinity, ironically, I think a Roman emperor may have said it best,” said Rodney J. Lee. “Waste no more time arguing what a good man should be. Be one.” – Marcus Aurelius

“The works of the poets in this exhibition provide a pathway to reflect on the many conceptions of masculinity and what these may mean for us all,” said Christina Barr, executive director of Nevada Humanities. “We all bring our own understanding of the social, cultural, political, historical, and personal ways that we interpret and interact with masculinity. These lived understandings, along with the large-scale graphic representation of the poets’ words and ideas featured in this exhibition, immerse us in the poems’ meanings in visceral ways.”

Affinity for Masculinity opens at the Nevada Humanities Program Gallery in Las Vegas on June 1, 2023, will be on display as a virtual exhibition indefinitely at nevadahumanities.org, and will be on display at the Program Gallery until July 26, 2023. Viewing hours at the Program Gallery are Tuesdays through Thursdays from 1 to 4 pm and until 9 pm PDT the first Friday of the month for First Friday events at the Nevada Humanities Program Gallery, 1017 South 1st Street, #190 in Las Vegas. Visitors may also make a viewing appointment by contacting Bobbie Ann Howell at bahowell@nevadahumanities.org or 702-800-4670. Visit nevadahumanities.org to learn more.

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