

RALPH FASANELLA SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE STUDY OF HIS *OEUVRE*



Ralph was born to Joseph Fasanella and Ginevra Spagnoletti, Italian immigrants, in the Bronx on Labor Day in 1914 and died in 1997. His mother was a progressive woman and his father was an iceman. As a textile worker in garment factories, as a truck driver, as a machinist in Brooklyn, Ralph became strongly aware of the plight of the working class. In late 1930s, Ralph Fasanella volunteered to fight in the Abraham Lincoln Brigade against General Francisco Franco in the Spanish civil war. Fasanella's opinionated artwork caused him to be blacklisted during the McCarthy era. For this reason, his work remained largely unknown. Today, some of Fasanella's work is displayed at the Labor Museum and Learning Center in Flint, Michigan. His "Subway Riders" is in the Fifth Avenue / 53rd Street subway station in New York City. His "Family Supper" is on permanent display in the Great Hall at Ellis Island.

To honor Ralph Fasanella's memory, his children have instituted a scholarship for the study of his work with Florida Atlantic University. It is given to students who will conduct a study on Ralph's *oeuvre*. The scholarship is funded through sales of posters and books, *Ralph Fasanella: Images of Optimism* (available also at FAU Italian Program), and it can also be integrated by the Italian Program Marco Pozza Fellowship for Special Projects.

Amount is variable. The applicant must respond to the following criteria.

- Full-time graduate (preferable) or undergraduate student of FAU
- Academically deserving student (GPA above 3.0)
- Priority will be given to students who are Italian Major and Minor and are involved with Italian activities (Cub Insieme, GKA).
- By submitting this application, you authorize the Office of Student Financial Aid to release information pertaining to your financial aid eligibility to the FAU Foundation for the purposes of determining scholarship eligibility.

Deadline is variable. Inquire with Italian Program.

Application material:

- Letter of intent stating that the above requirements are satisfied
- Unofficial copy of students transcript

Submit all material to Ilaria Serra, Florida Atlantic University, CU 242, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton, FL 33431. Fax 561-297-2667. ilaria.serra@fau.edu