

Illustrators win gold medals for book, editorial art

By [ASSOCIATED PRESS](#)

PUBLISHED: 16:13 GMT, 5 February 2016 | **UPDATED:** 16:14 GMT, 5 February 2016

250 shares

NEW YORK (AP) — The annual gold medals awarded by the Society of Illustrators in New York are considered the Oscars of the profession.

Three internationally recognized artists are getting the top honor Friday for images they created for books.

Allen Crawford, of Mount Holly, New Jersey, won gold for "Whitman Illuminated: Song of Myself" — poet Walt Whitman's celebration of the human psyche.



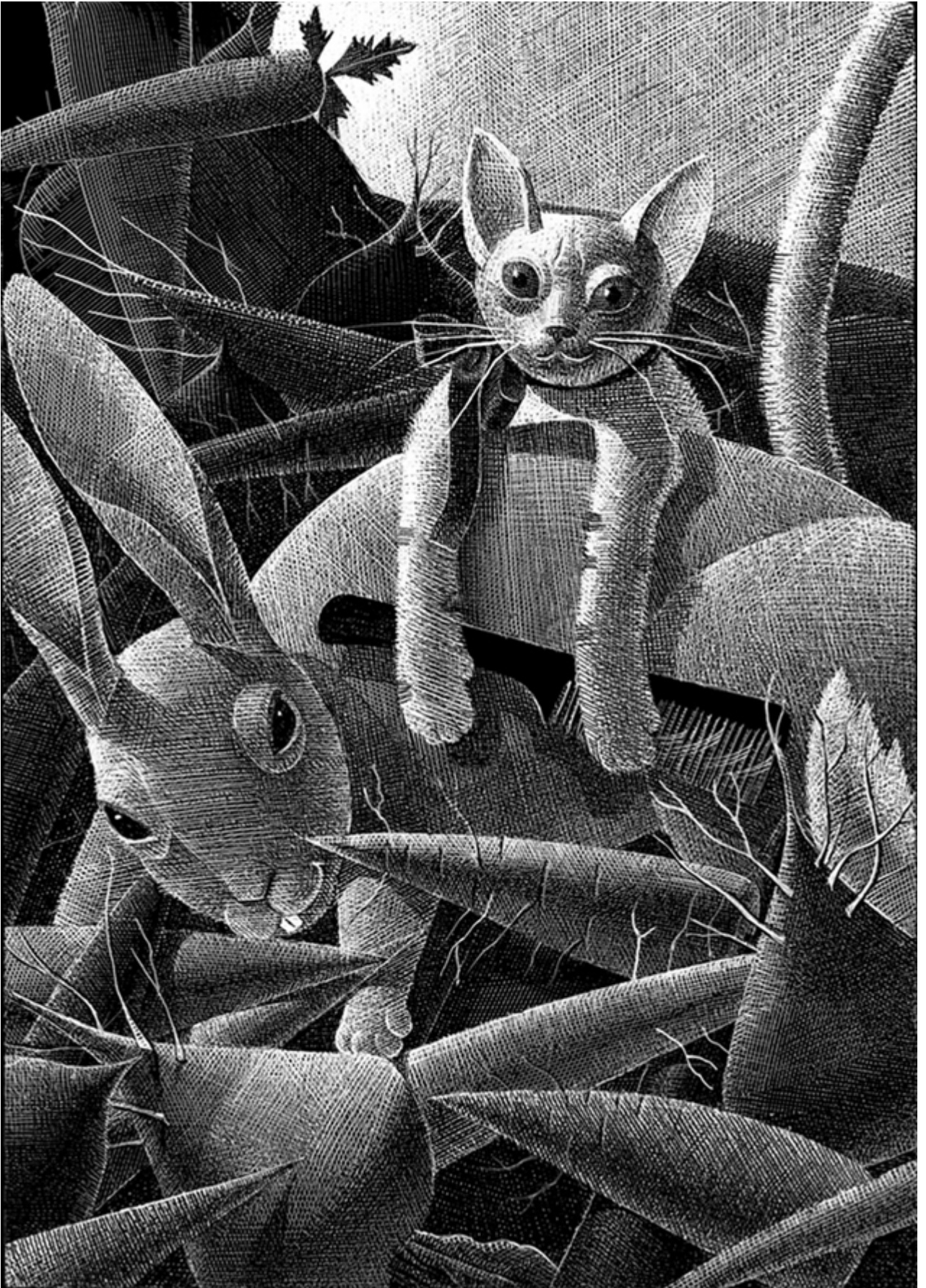
An undated image provided by Alenka Sottler shows her illustration of the Greek mythological figure Eurydice that earned Sottler, of Slovenia, a gold medal from the Society of Illustrators in New York. Annual prizes that are considered the Oscars in the illustration field were also awarded to editorial images in newspapers, magazines and online sites. On Friday, Feb. 5, 2016, three internationally recognized artists are getting the top honor for images they created for books; Allen Crawford, of Mount Holly, New Jersey, Sottler, of Slovenia and Francesca Sanna, an Italian-born resident of Switzerland. (Alenka Sottler via AP)

Alenka Sottler, of Slovenia, won her gold medal for a poetry book illustration titled "Eurydice" that probes the Greek myth.

And Francesca Sanna, an Italian-born resident of Switzerland, received a medal for her work in "The Journey" — a book that explores the heart wrenching need to abandon one's home amid war.

Their works are on public display at the Society's East Side headquarters.

This corrects that Sottler won for a book illustration titled "Eurydice," not a book by that title.



An undated image provided by Alenka Sottler shows one of her illustrations called "Pussypaws" for a children's book titled "Svetlana's Fairy Tales." Sottler won a gold medal from the Society of Illustrators for her work - an annual award considered the Oscar of its profession. On Friday, Feb. 5, 2016, three internationally recognized artists are getting the top honor for images they created for books; Allen Crawford, of Mount Holly, New Jersey, Sottler, of Slovenia and Francesca Sanna, an Italian-born resident of Switzerland. (Alenka Sottler via AP) (Alenka Sottler via AP)

Read more: <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/wires/ap/article-3433007/Illustrators-win-gold-medals-book-editorial-art.html#ixzz42Eecn6il>

Follow us: [@MailOnline on Twitter](#) | [DailyMail on Facebook](#)