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Zanesville Museum of Art Seeking Applications for Ohio Annual Juried Exhibition

ZANESVILLE, Ohio– The Zanesville Museum of Art is now seeking applications for the prestigious 77th Ohio Annual Exhibition. This juried exhibition, which has been held online for the past two years, will be returning onsite at the Zanesville Museum of Art. Artists who live or have lived in Ohio are invited to apply for this juried exhibition. In 2022, over four hundred artists vied for the opportunity to feature their work in the exhibition and earn the title Best in Show. The Ohio Annual recognizes the extraordinary fine art and fine craft created in the Buckeye State and celebrates the museum's commitment to discovering, encouraging, and recognizing Ohio's finest artists and artisans.

The application deadline for the 77th Ohio Annual Exhibition is Tuesday, March 28, 2023. The exhibition accepts applications in the following categories: Painting, all types; Drawing, Prints, and Collage; Sculpture; Jewelry and Functional Metalwork; Ceramics; Glass; Photography; and Fiber Art, Textiles, and Quilts. Interested artists can visit zanesvilleart.org to learn more and apply to the exhibition.

Exhibition Returning Onsite

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For the first time in three years, the Ohio Annual will be onsite in the ZMA's Great Gallery. Artists accepted into the exhibition will have their work viewed in-person by thousands of visitors.

"It's so exciting to have this important and unique exhibition back onsite at the museum," stated ZMA Collection Coordinator Kathyne Applegate. "It's been several years since the Ohio Annual has been held in person, and we're thrilled to give local artists the opportunity to present their work in a museum setting again."

Initiatives planned during the exhibition

The ZMA is planning several exciting initiatives around this prestigious exhibition to celebrate Ohio art and artists. A gallery talk featuring the Best in Show winner will take place at the museum. Visitors will learn the artistic process and inspirations of the winner of this year's Best in Show award.

About the Juror

This year we are honored to have distinguished guest juror Simone Renee Spruce, who will select this year's participants and award winners. Simone Renee Spruce was born in Toledo, Ohio in 1960. Simone works predominantly in the medium of graphite pencil, but also works in painting, installation, theater, and poetry. She has been a teaching artist for over 40 years to various groups which include K-12, at-risk youth, adults, seniors and the developmentally disabled. Her art credentials also include curating and jurying exhibitions in 2D and 3D in various mediums, panelist on various private and grant-making institutions to the arts, an art consultant and grant writer. Simone completed her BA in Art at Findlay University in Findlay, Ohio in 1982. She received her MFA in Visual Art at Vermont College of Fine Arts in 2017. Simone is an Adjunct Professor in the Department of Fine and Performing Arts at Owens Community College and Owner/Operator of SRS Studios, LLC. She has participated in solo and group

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exhibitions in the Southeast, Midwest, and Northeast. Her work is in both public and private collections. She lives and works in Toledo, Ohio.

About the Exhibition Prizes

Several cash prizes will be awarded during the 77th Ohio Annual Exhibition. Best in Show in the exhibition will win \$1,000. In addition, \$100 cash prizes will be awarded in each of the following categories: Painting; Drawing, Prints, and Collage; Sculpture; Jewelry and Functional Metalwork; Ceramics; Glass; Photography; and Fiber Art, Textiles, and Quilts.

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