

ZANESVILLE MUSEUM of ART

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Zanesville Museum of Art Seeking Applications for Online Juried Exhibition

ZANESVILLE, Ohio— The Zanesville Museum of Art is now seeking applications for the prestigious *76th Ohio Annual Exhibition*. This juried exhibition, which will be held entirely online, is open to all artists currently or formerly living in Ohio. In 2020, over four hundred artists vied for the opportunity to exhibit 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 *76th Ohio Annual Exhibition* is Friday, April 15, 2022. 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 <https://www.zanesvilleart.org/76th-ohio-annual-online-artist-information> to learn more and apply to the exhibition.

How the online exhibition will work

The work of those artists juried into the online exhibition will be featured in a virtual gallery on the ZMA's website. Most artwork featured in the exhibition will be for sale through the ZMA's website. There will also be a virtual award ceremony where the artists will be recognized.

The museum hopes this contactless experience will encourage more artists to apply for the statewide exhibition. Artists can remain safe and won't have the added task of shipping and delivering their work. Moreover, this virtual exhibition allows artists to submit works they otherwise would not have been able to exhibit based on onsite size and weight limitations. The ZMA hopes to see more ceramic, metalwork, and sculpture applications for the online exhibition.

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Initiatives planned during the online exhibition

The ZMA is planning several exciting new initiatives around this virtual exhibition to ensure accepted artists receive similar and even greater publicity and recognition as they would in an on-site exhibition. Enhanced Social Media marketing to broader regional audiences will ensure more viewers, potentially those who would be unable to come in person, can view all the artwork in the exhibition. The most exciting and unique initiative with the online show is a gallery of the exhibition complete with images, artist bios, artist statements about their work, and a link to the artist's personal website. This unprecedented level of publicity promises that accepted artists will be seen by more viewers.

About the Juror

This year we are honored to have distinguished guest juror, Cat Sheridan, who will select this year's participants and award a \$1,000 cash prize for Best in Show. Cat Sheridan is the Ohio Arts Council's Riffe Gallery Director, a gallery celebrating and showcasing the myriad professional artists that reside and work in the state of Ohio. Sheridan hails from the east side of Columbus, Ohio, and graduated with honors from Columbus College of Art & Design; Bachelor of Fine Arts, Minor in Art History. An ardent advocate of the arts, arts education and creative community building, Sheridan focuses her time and energy on expanding the power of the arts; as an arts administrator during the day and an arts mentor, and practicing artist, at night.

About the Exhibition Prizes

Several cash prizes will be awarded during the *Ohio Annual* online 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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