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# Zanesville Museum of Art Opening 76th Ohio Annual Exhibition-Online

ZANESVILLE, Ohio—The Zanesville Museum of Art is once again hosting the Ohio Annual Exhibition online. The ZMA received over 500 submissions from artists around the Buckeye state, and 78 artists were accepted into the exhibition. The online exhibition opening will be held on Zoom on Thursday, June 23, 2022 at 6:00 pm. The public is invited to view the online gallery and register for the online exhibition opening.

#### How the online exhibition will work

All images from accepted artists will be compiled into a virtual gallery on the museum's website. In addition, the accepted works will be shared on all major Social Media networks. This will ensure that the works in the Ohio Annual exhibition will reach a more regional and national audience. Many of the works in the show will still be for sale through the ZMA website.

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. An online gallery of the exhibition complete with images, artist bios, artist statements about their work, and a link to the artist's personal website will be available to view on the ZMA's website. This unprecedented level of publicity promises that accepted artists will be seen by more viewers.

## Initiatives planned during the online exhibition

The ZMA has several online events planned during the exhibition.

- Online exhibition opening and awards ceremony, Thursday, June 23, 6:00 pm on Zoom
- Online panel discussion featuring the Ohio Annual juror and award winners, Thursday, July 7, 6:00 pm on Zoom
- Online Perspective Lecture with the Ohio Annual Best in Show award winner, Thursday, July 21, 6:00 pm on Zoom

#### About the Juror

# ZANESVILLE MUSEUM of ART

This year the museum is 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 76<sup>th</sup> Ohio Annual Exhibition-Online. 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; and Photography. Lastly, the Beaux Arts Club, a ZMA affiliate group, will once again present the Janice Ballas Excellence in Fiber Arts award to an exceptional fiber artist. This award comes with a \$250 prize. The award presentations will take place during the online exhibition opening Thursday, June 23, 6:00 pm on Zoom.

#### **Zanesville Artists in the Exhibition**

The following local Zanesville artists were accepted into the 76th Ohio Annual Exhibition.

- Kurt Dreier, "Terrace Shores"
- Paul Emory, "The Drive In"
- Michael Seiler, "Ghosts of Jellyfish Past"
- Jeff Shackleford, "Window Washer"
- John Taylor-Lehman, "Roman Aqueducts of Segovia for Sara"

## **Upcoming Summer Camps**

Monday, June 20-Friday, June 24: K-3 and 4-6 Science Art Summer Camp Monday, June 27-Friday, July 1: K-3 Hero Art Summer Camp Monday, June 27-Wednesday, June 29: Preschool Science Art Camp

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