The West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture & History invites West Virginia artists to submit entries for the 2022 West Virginia Emerging Artists Juried Exhibition. Coordinated by the West Virginia State Museum, this juried exhibition will open October 2022 at the Culture Center on the State Capitol Complex.

Eligibility

To be eligible to enter the exhibition, artists must be 18 years of age or older and must maintain a permanent domicile in West Virginia. Exceptions to this requirement are made for students and military personnel who have West Virginia resident status and a home address in the state.

Entrants must be listed on the West Virginia Artists Registry or must submit information for the registry along with the submissions for this exhibition. To register, submit a CD/DVD or USB memory stick with six examples of current work to the division by the exhibition’s entry date. To request an Artists Register form, contact Laiken Blankenship, exhibits coordinator, at 304-558-0220, or Laiken.J.Blankenship@wv.gov. Forms can be found at wvculture.org or can be requested by contacting Laiken Blankenship. Please note: CD/DVD or USB memory stick submitted for inclusion on the Artists Registry are not returned.

Members of the West Virginia Commission for the Arts, West Virginia Archives and History Commission and employees of the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture & History, as well as their families, are not eligible for the juried exhibition.

Mail to: West Virginia Emerging Artists
West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture & History
The Culture Center • 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East
Charleston, WV 25305-0300

Submission Requirements

Entries may be submitted for painting, print/drawing, mixed media, crafts/wall hangings, photography, digital art, and sculpture.

Entrants may submit two pieces for jurying. Entries must have been created within the last two years (2020-2022).

Entries may not exceed 6 feet in any direction and be no more than 1 foot in depth.

Submit digital images for jurying.

• Digital images must be labeled with artist name, title of work, medium, size, date completed and entry number. For example: jones1.jpg.
• Each entry must be accompanied by an application entry form, found in this prospectus.
• Entrants may submit three properly identified digital images per entry.
• Images should be formatted for viewing on a large screen. Recommended formatting is 1280 pixels horizontally by 1024 pixels vertically. The files should be 8 bit TIFFS (approximately 3.5MB) or high-resolution JPEG file (minimum 150 KB). No other file format (Pict, pcx, tga, etc.) is acceptable.
• Images can be framed by adding a black box around the artwork in the digital image. If selected, the artwork itself cannot be altered from what is on the digital file, other than removal of the black box.

Submit $20 entry fee payable to WVDACH with entry form.
Jurying Process

The juror has the authority to decide what constitutes an acceptable entry.

Jurying for the exhibition will be based on the digital images as submitted by entrants. Only if a work is selected for the exhibition will entrants be required to ship/deliver art. All accepted entries must be structurally sound and properly presented for consideration.

Paintings must be framed and stripped with wood. In cases where frames are not used, nails or staples should not be visible. Taped edges are not acceptable as a frame.

The West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture & History reserves the right to make final acceptance decisions based upon the condition and/or presentation of an accepted entry.

Publicity and Publication

The West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture & History reserves the right to photograph all accepted work for archival and publicity purposes.

Exhibition Sales

A 30 percent commission will be charged on sale of works from the exhibition. The price listed by the artist on the Entry Form must include that commission for the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture & History. Please round prices to the nearest dollar. Not for sale designations are accepted in this exhibition.

The Department of Arts, Culture & History will handle all sales. Payment to artists for work sold will be made at the close of the exhibition. Work that is sold may not be removed from the exhibition before the closing date of the show.

Awards

Best of Show/Purchase Award: $1,000
Second Place: $500
Third Place: $250

To be eligible for Best of Show/Purchase Award, the asking price for the work cannot exceed $1,000 and the award includes the artist’s asking price. The Purchase Award winner will be acquired for the West Virginia State Museum Collection.

The West Virginia State Museum becomes the absolute owner of the artwork if selected as an award winner or purchase selection including, without limitation, full powers of reproduction, management, display and conservation.

Insurance/Liability

The West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture & History will insure works accepted for the exhibition. The inclusive dates of coverage are from the time of receipt through the final pick up or shipping date. Works will be insured for no more than $10,000. Works accepted for the exhibition that are unstable or that may not hold up under the rigors of public presentation may require a Waiver of Insurance. Any claim for damaged work must be made in writing to the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture & History within two weeks of receiving damaged work.

Dates to Note

June 27 – September 2, 2022.........................................................Entries Accepted
Mid September 2022......................................................................Jurying
September 12 – October 21, 2022 ............ Artwork Accepted for Exhibition
November 13, 2022 .................................................................Exhibition Opening
April 15, 2023 ........................................................................Exhibition Closing

Artwork can be picked up or will be returned between April 17 and May 12, 2023.
I have enclosed CD/Flash Drive with up to 3 images for the entry

Name _________________________________________________________________
Street ________________________________________________________________
City ___________________________ Zip____________ County ______________
Phone____________________________ Email______________________________
Title ____________________________
Size (dimensions) (H)_____________ (W)_____________ (D)______________

Crafts □ Sculpture □ Photography □ Print/Drawing □ Mixed Media □ Painting □ Digital Art □

Materials used _______________________________________________________

Price (include 30% commission) ________________ If not for sale, list insurance value _____________

By signing this entry form, the artist agrees to the terms of this prospectus.
No substitutions will be permitted nor can works be removed from the exhibition before scheduled reclaim dates.
I certify that I am over 18 years of age and that I am a resident of, and maintain a permanent domicile in, the state of West Virginia.

Signature __________________________ Date ______________

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