Academic Artists Association
70th Annual National Exhibition of Traditional Realism
April 26 – May 17, 2020
Wednesday - Sunday, 1 to 5 PM
Arts Center East
709 Hartford Turnpike • Vernon, CT • 860-871-8222

Opening Reception
Sunday, April 26, 2020, 1 to 4 PM
Awards announced at 3 PM
Over $7,500.00 in Awards
Best in Show $1000.00

New This Year
- Digital submissions only
- Membership dues MUST be paid PRIOR to submission
- Two digital submissions allowed per artist, only one can be accepted.
- Acceptance juried by a committee of 5 members

Awards Judge - Peter Seltzer
Peter Seltzer is one of those rare talents that is so identified with the mastery of a medium that his name becomes synonymous with that medium. One constantly needs to be reminded that it is the medium of Pastel that is being employed. - Dr. Louis Zona, Butler Institute of American Art

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Hand-delivered accepted artwork receiving: Saturday, April 4, 10am-2pm at Arts Center East, 709 Hartford Turnpike, Vernon, CT 06066
Shipped accepted work must be received by Saturday, April 4. Ship to:
LetterpressArts
13 Rockland Drive
Enfield, CT 06082

Further shipping instructions below.
Artwork pickup: Sunday, May 17, 4-6 pm or Monday, May 18, 10-2 pm at Arts Center East

Digital Entry
Submit your work by clicking the “Submit” button on the Academic Artists Association website and following the instructions. **Two entries allowed per artist. No more than one will be accepted.** JPEG format only, minimum of 1200 pixels in largest dimension (2000 pixels recommended) – 5mb max file size.

Entry Fee
First entry: members - $2 (with $35 dues payment), non-members - $45
Second Entry: $10 (member or non-member)
Entry fees will be collected as part of the online submission process through Paypal (no Paypal account required). **Member dues ($35) must be paid separately (if applicable) – payable with entry.**

Eligibility & Media Requirements
Open to all living U.S. artists. **Work submitted must have been created no more than five years prior to January 1 of the show year.** Any original representational art in the categories of Oils, Acrylics, Watercolors, Graphics, Pastels and Sculpture will be considered - Casein and Egg Tempera will be judged with Acrylics. **Two submissions allowed per artist. A maximum of one work per artist will be accepted.** Submissions must be the artist’s original artwork, from their own primary reference material. Photographs, Giclees or Digital Prints, artwork done in a class or under an instructor’s guidance are not allowed. Your entry constitutes your permission to reproduce your artwork in our catalog and PR materials. **We reserve the right to exclude any work from the show if, on delivery, it is found to be substantially different from the digital image, it is poorly framed, or otherwise prepared, or for any other reason deemed appropriate by the screening committee.**

Frame Requirements
Framed work **MUST NOT** exceed 40 inches in width including frame - STRICTLY ENFORCED. All work must be framed/prepared to professional standards and wired for hanging. No saw-tooth hangers allowed. Works on paper should be framed under glass or acrylic (Plexiglas). Gallery wraps allowed.

Sculpture
Weight limit is 75 pounds. Sculpture must be fully assembled. Two (2) views must be submitted with description, size, weight and medium. A limited number of sculpture stands will be available for use. Artists are encouraged to supply stands.

Shipped Work
Send shipped entries to: LetterpressArts
13 Rockland Drive, Enfield, CT 06082
Shipped work **MUST BE received by April 4, 2020**
- No COD’s Accepted.
- Arts Center East will NOT accept shipped work.
- A **$50 handling fee** (check made to LetterpressArts) and a pre-paid, return addressed shipping label must be included.
- There is a 75 pound limit, including crate, for any shipped work.
- Plexiglas is recommended for shipped artwork. - **We are not responsible for broken glass.**
• Framed work MUST NOT exceed 40 inches in width, including frame - STRICTLY ENFORCED.

Pack well in a reusable carton. Submitting artist will be responsible for any additional costs if packing material and container are not adequate for return shipping. Any insurance desired by the artist from the time of shipping to the time returned should be purchased by the artist from his/her own insurance company.

For questions related to shipping only: 860-745-3608 or email: letterpressarts@outlook.com

Artwork Removal
All entries must be removed from Arts Center East by **Monday, May 18, 2020 by 2 PM**.

Artwork not removed will be subject to a storage fee of **$10. per day**.

Artwork not picked up after **60 days** will become the property of Academic Artists Association.

Shipped work will be returned as soon after the end of the show as possible.

Liability
Neither the Academic Artists Association, nor Arts Center East, nor their agents, will be responsible for loss or damage while artwork is on display, in storage, or in transit. All reasonable care will be taken, but Academic Artists Association accepts no liability whatsoever, in any form, resulting from the entry, acceptance or rejection of exhibits or from any other matter connected with the Exhibition. Entry to this show constitutes permission to photograph your work for catalog or publicity purposes. Submission to this Exhibit signifies acceptance of these terms.

Sales
A 20% commission will be retained on all sales. If work is listed N.F.S., the value must be given.

Membership in Academic Artists Association
Any artist whose work has been accepted in two (2) Academic Artists Association National Exhibitions, in a five (5) year period, automatically becomes a member.

NOTE: Dues must be renewed annually to maintain membership. Members whose dues lapse will be dropped from the membership list until all past dues are paid or the artist re-qualifies.

The membership year is Jan. 1 - Dec. 31.

To pay your dues (if a member), see academicartistsassociation.org, or mail a check made out to Academic Artists Association to:

**Sam Dupuis**
13 Rockland Drive
Enfield, CT 06082

More Information
www.AcademicArtistsAssociation.org

For questions about the 2020 Academic Artists Association Exhibit, please contact:
Steve Hamlin at 413-667-3346 or steve@stevehamlinwatercolors.com
or Doug Gillette at 860-763-3766

Annual Meeting
Open to all Members and Interested Parties.
Date and location to be announced and posted at academicartistsassociation.org