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Art of the State™: Pennsylvania 2009

June 28-September 20, 2009

Harrisburg, PA – The 42nd annual Art of the State®: Pennsylvania 2009 exhibition opens to the public on June 28, 2009 at The State Museum of Pennsylvania. This prestigious showcase for the talent, creativity and diversity of Pennsylvania’s established and emerging artists is co-sponsored by The State Museum of Pennsylvania and The Greater Harrisburg Arts Council. This year’s Art of the State features 157 works of art by 134 artists, representing 32 counties across the commonwealth. Lee Stevens, Senior Curator of Art Collections at The State Museum, noted that the art selected for this year’s exhibition was chosen from 2,179 entries from 798 artists.

Art of the State® is a highly competitive, juried art exhibition open to state residents in five categories: painting, works on paper, photography, sculpture and craft and juried by distinguished judges from around the Mid-Atlantic region. The Greater Harrisburg Arts Council annually presents cash awards totaling more than \$6,000 and The State Museum offers a \$2,000 Purchase Award. The winners will be honored at a special preview reception and awards ceremony held at The State Museum on the evening of June 27.

2009 Jurors

Painting & Works on Paper:

Patricia Bellan-Gillen, Painter and Printmaker

Professor, Carnegie Mellon University; 1995 Pittsburgh Artist of the Year and twice Pennsylvania Council on the Arts Fellowship recipient. Exhibits nationally and internationally with work in the collection of the Art Institute of Chicago, among others.

Photography:

David Graham, Photographer

Professor, Media Arts, Photo, Film, Animation, The University of the Arts. Graham's work is represented in the collections of MOMA, Art Institute of Chicago, and the Philadelphia Museum of Art.

Sculpture and Craft, 3-Dimensional:

H. Theodore Hallman, Jr., Fiber Artist

Former Chairman, Textiles, Moore College of Art and the Ontario College of Art and Design. Hallman's work is represented in the collections of the Museum of Art and Design, Philadelphia Museum of Art, and the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Awards Juror:

Corinne Topper, Director

Susquehanna Art Museum

As in previous years, dates of the exhibition will cover the summer months, opening officially on Sunday, June 28 and closing on Sunday, September 20, 2009.

The State Museum of Pennsylvania, located at 300 North Street, Harrisburg, is one of 25 historic

sites and museums on the Pennsylvania Trail of History™ administered by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. Museum hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, 12 noon to 5 p.m. Individuals who need special assistance should call (717) 787-6778 or the Pennsylvania TDD relay service at (800) 654-5984. For more information on other exhibitions, events and programs at The State Museum, click on www.statemuseumpa.org.

AWARDS

Art of the State®: Pennsylvania 2009

Awards Juror: Corinne Topper, Director, Susquehanna Art Museum

Cash awards in each category presented by The Greater Harrisburg Arts Council:

1st-\$500; 2nd-\$300, 3rd-\$200, Honorable Mention-\$100

Crafts

1st Christine Alaniz, Sinking Spring

Sliding Lock Bracelet

Gypsum, nylon

4 1/2 x 4 3/4

2nd Philip Sollman, Bellefonte

Walnut Rocker

Walnut and Tiger Maple

47 x 42 x 27

3rd Mary E. Stoudt, Reinholds

Wool Meets Cotton

Art quilt

45 x 30

Painting

1st Jun-Cheng Liu, Mountville

Dreamer

Oil on canvas

48 x 48

2nd Allen M. Capriotti, Altoona

Pennsylvania Victorian Restoration

Oil on canvas

72 x 48

3rd Peter Van Dyck, Philadelphia

Apartment Story

Oil on linen

35 x 24

Photography

1st Sarah Barr, Wynnewood

Meanwhile on Naudain

Archival pigment inkjet print

24 x 30

2nd Carl Sander Socolow, Camp Hill

Navidad

Silver capture, archival pigment, photograph

16 x 20

3rd Donna Curanzy-Seltzer, Hummelstown
Death in its Habitat
Digital print on cotton rag, photograph
12 x 14

Sculpture

1st Richard Bargdill, Ebensburg
I'm a Tree Chopped Down Everyday
Mixed media
10 x 5 x 5 ft.

2nd Lisa Murch, Philadelphia
Army
Clay, sand, paint, shellac
6 x 48 x 48

3rd Carrie Norlund, Kutztown
Untitled, Seed Series
Cast paper, natural found objects
18 x 9 x 9

Works on Paper

1st Kip Deeds, Newtown
Poe Procession
Relief print, ink, acrylic, collage
45 1/2 x 61

2nd Deborah C. Warner, Philadelphia

Chronicles: Traces

Rice paper, collage, graphite, wax, mounted on panel

18 x 18

3rd Rosalyn Richards, Lewisburg

Mapping the Intensities

Etching

11 3/4 x 11 3/4

Art of the State: Pennsylvania 2009 additional awards:

The William D. Davis Memorial Award for Drawing \$250

presented by his widow, Shirley Zampelli Sturtz-Davis, and family

Matthew Pruden, Philadelphia

Body of Work

Grave Concerns: Better Not Tell You Now

Graphite, charcoal on paper

30 x 22

Grave Concerns: My Sources Say No

Graphite, charcoal on paper

30 x 22

The Rose Roy Memorial Award

Honoring Volunteerism \$250

Presented by

Rita and Gregg Warner

Russell Williams, Philadelphia

Amadi

Acrylic on board

40 x 30

The State Museum of Pennsylvania Purchase Award

Lisa Murch, Philadelphia

Army

Clay, sand, paint, shellac

6 x 48 x 48