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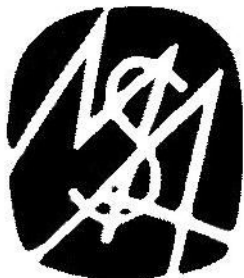
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Ray Dirks, curator, rdirks@mennonitechurch.ca

We are pleased and honoured to host the Manitoba Society of Artists annual open juried exhibition. The Gallery has featured work by well known MSA artists in the past, including Gerald Folkerts and Peter von Kampen. Gerald, in the years just before his tragic passing, worked closely with the Gallery on the Invisible Dignity Project. Jean Wiens, a winner at last year's MSA show, also has strong links to the Gallery. We're happy to form new bonds with artists featured in the gallery for the first time in this year's juried exhibit. *Ray Dirks*



81st Annual Open Juried Art Exhibition

June 27 - September 14, 2013

Opening: Thursday, June 27, 7pm

Jurors' Lecture: Monday, June 24, 7pm

The Manitoba Society of Artists is pleased to announce it will be holding its 81st Annual Open Juried Competition and Exhibition (OJCE) this year at the Mennonite Heritage Centre Art Gallery.

The Manitoba Society of Artists encourages new and established artists by hosting this province-wide competition and exhibition each year, the only event of its kind in our province. All Manitoba residents over the age of 16 are eligible.

This year's guest jurors are Ray Dirks, artist and Curator of the Winnipeg Mennonite Heritage Centre Gallery, and Charles Spratt, of Ottawa, professional painter.

The show promises to be an exciting collection of art as unique and diverse as our province itself. Most works will be available for purchase.

"Now in 2013 MSA is proud to sponsor the 81st open juried show and greatly honoured that it is hosted by the MHC Gallery. We are extremely grateful to curator Ray Dirks and his team for their warm welcome and assistance. The MHC Gallery is a treasure to the artistic scene in Manitoba, an elegant venue to showcase many talented artists of Manitoba." Bonnie Taylor, MSA President.

HISTORY OF MSA AND OJCE

The Manitoba Society of Artists was established in 1902 to recognize the merits of Manitoba's outstanding artists, to promote and encourage visual artists in Manitoba, and to provide a western equivalent to the Ontario Society of Artists. In addition to showing work by its members, the society campaigned for an art gallery and art school in the province and arranged for touring exhibits from institutions outside Winnipeg, such as the Chicago Art Institute.

After several periods of organizational change a new Manitoba Society of Artists emerged in 1925 with an executive consisting of Alex J. Musgrove as secretary and Walter J. Phillips as president. In 1926 the first annual exhibition was held in the Richardson Brothers Gallery on Main Street in Winnipeg. Since then, except for a few years, the society has sponsored an annual open juried exhibition in various locations including Eaton's and Hudson's Bay Company stores, the Pool of the Black Star Gallery at the Manitoba Legislative Building, the Winnipeg Civic Auditorium, and the Winnipeg Art Gallery. Other programs have included annual juried exhibitions, lectures, art history conferences and other member events.

Today, the purpose of the Society is to promote and encourage Manitoba's professional visual artists. Members of the Society exhibit together, enjoy social events and participate in educational ventures such as lectures, slide presentations, and workshops.

"The MSA continues to promote an atmosphere in which art can continue to be created. The development of northerly prairie art and artists, the fostering of an artistic milieu, the promotion of the value of art to the community, all these are vital concerns that help MSA perform our duty towards art. The juried show is a vital element of MSA's continuing promotion of Manitoba artists. In this manner we hope to perpetuate a visual voice that reaches long into the future." Bonnie Taylor, MSA President

However, the important event of each year is the Provincial Annual Open Juried Competition and Exhibition, which allows both emerging and professional artists an equal opportunity to participate in a major exhibition.

In 1992 the Manitoba Society of Artists hosted their 60th Anniversary Juried exhibition. This celebration was held at the Winnipeg Art Gallery. In 2002 the MSA celebrated its 100th anniversary with an exhibition of work by current members, a commemorative banquet and an art history conference with a focus on Manitoba art. In conjunction with this, the Winnipeg Art Gallery hosted an exhibition of historical work by MSA members, acknowledging the major contribution of the MSA in the arts community and in the formation of the WAG. In recognition of the intertwined roots and history with the WAG, MSA's 80th open juried exhibit was hosted at the WAG in April 2012.

The Awards

Barbara Cook Endres Award for First Place
MSA Second Award
MSA Third Award
Lynn Sissons Watercolour Award
W.Cliff Packer Memorial Award
Brian J. Hyslop Award for Pastel
MSA Honourable Mention Awards (up to 4)

About the Awards

The **Lynn Sissons Watercolour Award** was established by her family to honour longtime MSA member Lynn Sissons who passed away in 1985. The award is given to a work deserving of merit that demonstrates and promotes a traditional use of the medium. Therefore, the award favours works that are more representational than experimental in nature.

The **W.Cliff Packer Memorial Award** was established in 2000 to honour and celebrate the life and work of Cliff Packer. The award's intent is to pay homage to Cliff's varied interests as an artist, and is given to "a work of art deserving of merit in the genre tradition." Genre is a term used to describe paintings and other works of art that deal with an informal representation of everyday life. Genre is not limited to a particular medium, pays particular attention to work involving the human figure, and tends to be representational rather than abstract in nature.

The **Brian J. Hyslop Award for Pastel** was established in 2006 to honour and celebrate the life of MSA Board member Brian Hyslop. The intent of this award was to encourage artists to demonstrate their skills with original work in pastels. Although Brian favoured landscapes, there was no jury advisory. It is their decision to choose the work of merit as they see fit.

The **Barbara Cook Endres Award for First Place** was named in 2012 to honour Manitoba artist and long time MSA member Barb Endres, who was an unflinching supporter of the visual arts. Barb joined MSA in 1947 and served in various executive positions continuously until her retirement in 2008. She was designated an honorary member in 2006. Upon her passing in 2010, she left a bequest to MSA that allows a bursary to promising artist students. There is no stipulation attached to this award, it is therefore, at the jurors' discretion, the Best of Show.

A free **juror's lecture** will be held at the gallery on June 24th at 7 p.m. This is a wonderful opportunity to come and meet the jurors and learn about them and their selection process.

All are invited to visit the exhibition and enjoy an opportunity not only to view some spectacular artworks but to meet the artists as well. The show runs from June 27th to September 14th, with the opening reception on June 27th at 7 p.m. Entry is free, and the public is welcome.

Whether you are a professional artist, emerging artist, art collector or art appreciator, there will be something for everyone at both the lecture and the show.

"MSA is delighted to showcase the Manitoba 81st open juried show at the Mennonite Heritage Centre Gallery, along with the annual jurors' lecture and opening reception. MSA extends its great appreciation to MHC, especially Ray Dirks, Connie Wiebe, and Lori Matties for their considerable support, which included exhibition space (supported curatorial, preparatory, and design services), storage space, and formal reception space in presenting this exhibit of Manitoba artists. We encourage all Manitobans to participate in the wide artistic heritage of Manitoba's talented artists by visiting the show, all summer long, June 27 to September 14th."

Mark your Calendar

MHC Gallery Annual Fundraiser, Friday, October 4, 7:30PM

This year's fundraiser celebrates 15 years of stimulating gallery art and projects. The annual fundraiser is the most important night of the year for the gallery. With your continued support the work of the gallery, inside and outside its walls, can continue to happen. The gallery is almost entirely supported by donations. We do not receive government or institutional funding for our operating budget. We've made it 15 years because of you, our supporters. Many thanks!

Help now

Summer, typically, is a time of few donations. While you enjoy the long anticipated better weather, the work of the gallery proceeds. If some of you can squeeze in a few minutes to make a donation, we'd certainly appreciate it.

Proposals?

Artists, please, submit your proposals to us! The gallery hosts exhibits in approximate two month blocks throughout the year.

Mailing list

To receive **CANVASs**, invitations to all exhibitions and other gallery updates contact Connie Wiebe, cwiebe@mennonitechurch.ca.

Contact

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