

KALAMAZOO INSTITUTE OF ARTS

June 4 – September 5, 2021



The work of West Michigan's talented community of visual artists is on display at the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts' annual *West Michigan Area Show*. Since the 1960s, this annual juried exhibition has showcased exceptional work in all media, drawing hundreds of entries from a 14-county region. Each year, an experienced juror chooses the artists from more than 500 submitted entries, ranging from paintings, prints and photos to mosaics, ceramics, jewelry, sculpture and mixed-media works.

Important Dates for Artists
Feb 5 Call for Entry made public on CaFE
March 31 Submissions due (\$14 for the first work \$8/additional – up to 3 total)
April 30 Artist notification
May 14-15 and May 17-18 Tentative Delivery of accepted work
June 5 Exhibition Opens
April 10 Exhibition opens
TBA Announcement of People's Choice and Virtual Reception
Sept 5th @5:00 p.m. Exhibition closes
Pick up dates (or by special appointment)
TBA

Entry is through an online service: CaFE

<https://www.callforentry.org/>

You may create an artist profile (free of charge) and upload images at any time—no need to wait for the WMAS “call” to be posted in February. In the meantime, you will be able to access more exhibition opportunities across the country.

Eligibility: All artists 18 years or older residing in the following Michigan counties: Allegan, Barry, Berrien, Branch, Calhoun, Cass, Eaton, Ionia, Kalamazoo, Kent, Muskegon, Ottawa, St. Joseph, and Van Buren.

Only original work of the artist's own design, completed within the last 2 years should be entered. Digital media, 2-D, and 3-D works in any medium will be accepted. Work may not exceed six feet (72”) on any side. Work must be on view the entire duration of the exhibition—no late delivery or early release. The KIA reserves the right to refuse any work that is inappropriate, framed inadequately, or misrepresented by entry image. Qualifications for media-specific awards can be found on the CaFE application.

The exhibition is sponsored by Chemical Bank and Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs. Additional support provided by David Isaacson in memory of his wife, Helen Sheridan and the Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo.

Anticipated awards for 2021

- \$1,000 Helen Sheridan Memorial Grand Prize
- \$ 500 Second Place
- \$ 400 Third Place
- \$ 300 Fourth Place
- \$ 200 Fifth Place
- \$1,000 Portage Community Art Award
- \$ 750 Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo's People's Choice Award
- \$ 350 The Martin Maddox Prize for Imaginative Realism
- \$ 250 Signature Artists, LLC, Award
- \$ 250 KNAS Metals & Jewelry Dept. Award for Jewelry
- \$ 200 Michael Gunderson Memorial Award for Ceramics
- \$ 200 Ninth Wave Studio Award for Ingenuity in Mixed Media or Intermedia
- \$ 200 Southwest Michigan Printmakers Excellence in Printmaking Award
- \$ 200 Southwest Michigan Eclectic Glass Guild Award for Glass
- \$ 150 West Michigan Potters Guild Award for Ceramics
- \$ 100 Pen Dragon Calligraphy Guild Award
- The Ward H. and Cora E. Nay Director's Purchase Prize