

Light Years Ahead

The Dayton Visual Arts Center's 26th Annual Open Members' Show
July 7-August 12, 2017

Prize Juror's Statement

Annual members' exhibitions are not easy to describe, and especially difficult to judge. No one artwork can summarize the scope of ideas and techniques presented, nor express in full the extent of dreams, fears, and desires imbedded within each work. From representational to abstract compositions, the art showcased here presents scenes of fantasy, social commentary, comedy, resistance, and hope. There are artworks depicting scenes of peaceful contemplation, while others incite active response.

Mythological figures appear in a variety of formats—from Greek legends to Dayton idols, and even the playful elevation of cartoon heroes. The scope of landscapes on view, ranging from downtown scenes, forested ranges, even the sensuous curves of the body, suggest the multiplicity of ways one can view the world around them. Soft materials appear next to sharp and strong, traditional media intertwined with found objects. Some compositions are smooth with clean lines, others methodical and geometric, and some purposely chaotic.

Together, the range of artworks on view reveal the variety of talent, persistence, and ingenuity of a group of artists from diverse backgrounds and perspectives. Such range of artistic production alludes to the richness of the Dayton community, one that should be celebrated in exhibitions such as this.

— Katherine Ryckman Siegwarth,
Kettering Assistant Curator of Collections
and Exhibitions, The Dayton Art Institute

Congratulations to the prize-winning artists

The Lombard Award (Best in Show)

Susan Brockman, 2024 (No. 91)

1st Runner-up

David Leach, *Opening* (No. 88)

2nd Runner-up

Robert A. Coates, *Daedalus* (No. 9)

3rd Runner-up

John Emery, *Swallows Celebrate the Wright Stuff* (No. 30)

The 2018 Members' Show Postcard Award

Jamie Pacheco, *Virtual Exhibition* (No. 74)

The City of Dayton Mayor's Office Exhibition Award

Shayna McConville, *Yellow House* (No. 62)

Honorable Mention

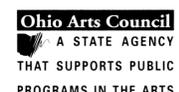
Erin Holscher Almazan, *Sarah* (No. 32)

Winfred Taylor, *Moving Forward* (No. 125)

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