

Thirty-Eighth Annual International Marine Art Exhibition

September 22-December 31, 2017

Prospectus

PURPOSE

- To gather and recognize important new contributions to the field of contemporary marine art from around the world.
- To stimulate discussion of aesthetic and scholarly standards among marine artists and connoisseurs.
- To support the mission statement of Mystic Seaport - *The Museum of America and the Sea*.

ELIGIBILITY

Any painting, drawing, sculpture, or scratch-built ship model executed within the LAST TWO YEARS whose theme relates to past or contemporary maritime experience of the sea and may include images of ships, yachts, coastal waterways, marshes and beaches, marine wildlife in their natural habitat, and the working boats and people whose lives and fortunes depend on the sea. Entries must be executed by a living artist AND NOT PREVIOUSLY EXHIBITED AT THE MARITIME GALLERY OR ELSEWHERE. By entering, the artist represents and warrants that the artist is and will be the sole creator of the work, THAT THE WORK WILL NOT HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY EXHIBITED OR PUBLISHED, AND MAY NOT BE EXHIBITED ON AN ARTIST'S WEBSITE UNTIL THE OPENING OF THE SHOW, that the work will not infringe upon any copyright or violate any law or rights of others, that the work is free from inherent defect, and that the artist has full rights to enter into this agreement. The artist will indemnify and hold Mystic Seaport harmless from any breach of these terms.

DEADLINES

MAY 1

Last day digital images and entry form will be **RECEIVED** in the Gallery. **Work received after this date will not be considered.** PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE GALLERY TO CHECK TO SEE IF YOUR ENTRY HAS BEEN RECEIVED AS IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO HANDLE THE VOLUME OF REQUESTS WHILE PROCESSING ENTRIES.

Please get tracking numbers and delivery information from your shipper to check delivery status yourself.

WEEK OF JUNE 1

Decisions will be mailed by the Maritime Gallery at Mystic Seaport. Only International artists will be contacted by e-mail the week of June 1. **NO DECISIONS WILL BE GIVEN BY PHONE.** Artists also will be notified at the same time as to when and how works should be delivered to the Gallery.

SEPTEMBER 22 - DECEMBER 31

Exhibition at The Maritime Gallery at Mystic Seaport.

OPENING GALA AND AWARDS CEREMONY

Friday, September 22, 2017

Participating artists, jurors, Gallery Patrons, Trustees, museum donors, and special guests will be invited.

AWARDS

Works for the exhibition will be selected from the submitted artwork by a committee of The Maritime Gallery at Mystic Seaport. The judges (to be announced) will convene to award the following:

Rudolph J. Schaefer III Emerging Artist Award

In memory of Rudie Schaefer, the founder and patron of the Maritime Gallery, and his lifelong commitment to recognizing and supporting emerging marine artists.

Stobart Foundation Award

Encouraging the importance of painting from life, the judges will recognize the work that attracts their attention most by virtue of its uniqueness of style, quality of light and atmosphere.

Rudolph J. Schaefer Maritime Heritage Award

In memory of Rudolph J. Schaefer's devotion to preserving maritime history and making it accessible and enjoyable, the judges will recognize the artist whose work entered in the show best documents our maritime heritage, past or present, for generations of the future.

Thomas M. Hoyne III Award

In memory of Thomas M. Hoyne III's dedication and contribution to accurate historical representation of the great Gloucester fishing schooners and the men who sailed them, the judges will recognize the work that best documents an aspect of the marine fisheries industry of today or yesterday.

Marine Environmental Wildlife Award

Acknowledging the importance of preserving the fragile balance within the world's ecosystems, the judges will recognize the work that best depicts marine mammals, fish, or birds in their native habitat.

The Maritime Gallery Yachting Award

Celebrating the singular pleasures of going to sea, the judges will recognize the work that best captures the beauty and excitement of the sport of yachting in all its many forms.

The Museum Purchase Award

A committee of the curatorial staff of Mystic Seaport will select for purchase one work appropriate to the current needs of its Permanent Collection. One of the largest maritime museums in the world, Mystic Seaport has an extensive collection of marine art, emphasizing commercial maritime experience of the 19th and 20th centuries.

Awards of Excellence

Five works of art exhibited will be recognized as outstanding examples of creativity, insight, and integrity in marine art.

HOW TO ENTER (up to 4 entries)

May 1, 2017, is the last day entries will be **received**.

Entries must include:

1. Artist's may submit up to four different pieces of artwork. Each entry must be represented by a digital image – all on the same CD preferred, (NO DVDs), and must be of professional quality in jpeg format 300 dpi, resolution at 4 X 6 inches (1200 X 1800 pixels). File name must include artist name and title, followed by the corresponding entry number. **No SLIDES or E-MAILED images accepted.** For three-dimensional work, two or three images showing all sides should be entered, labeled as above with dimensions (height x width x depth).
2. Completed and signed entry form attached.
3. A non-refundable fee of \$20.00 for the first entry, and \$15.00 each for up to three additional entries. The selection committee encourages MORE THAN ONE SUBMISSION to better evaluate a new artist's work and also to plan a cohesive show.
4. A brief written description in English of the subject, intent or creation of each work, not to exceed 150 words. **Please submit in a word document on same CD as images.**
5. A brief biographical statement of the artist which includes: education, career experience, maritime experience, art exhibitions, and awards. **Biographies should be in essay form – no résumés, please. Please submit in a word document on same CD as images.**

If you would like your disc returned, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope LARGE ENOUGH to accommodate your disc.

RULES

1. The combined length and width of paintings, drawings, and graphics must not exceed 90 inches, including frame.
2. The combined length and width of sculpture must not exceed 78 inches – maximum weight 250 lbs.
3. All works entered must be available for exhibition and sale by The Maritime Gallery at Mystic Seaport.
4. By entering, if the work is accepted, it remains on consignment with The Maritime Gallery at Mystic Seaport for sale at the retail price listed (commission 50%) until work has been returned to consignor.
5. The Gallery reserves the right to return any work not fairly represented by the images submitted.
6. FRAMING
 - Work must be professionally framed, with paper backing and wired with hooks (not sawtooth) for hanging.
 - The use of museum quality or acid free materials throughout framing is mandatory to preserve the integrity of the artwork.
 - **The Gallery strongly recommends backing stretched canvases.**
 - **Mystic Seaport no longer has a framer on the premises. If you wish to send work unframed, we can recommend several local framers who you may contact directly.**
7. Artwork will be insured by The Maritime Gallery of Mystic Seaport for 50% of the retail value from date of delivery to the Gallery until return to the entrant or delivery to the purchaser.
8. SHIPPING
 - **It is the artist's responsibility to arrange for pick up or shipping of any unsold work.**
 - Return shipping costs are the artist's responsibility.
 - It is the responsibility of the artist to notify the gallery of a change of address for shipping.
 - It is also helpful to include a pre-paid return shipping label.

NOTE: Please ship work in a professional shipping box such as an *Air Float*, otherwise damaged boxes will not be reused and the artist will be charged an additional packing fee.

THE MARITIME GALLERY

MYSTIC SEAPORT

THE MUSEUM OF AMERICA AND THE SEA

The Maritime Gallery at Mystic Seaport is the nation's largest gallery specializing in contemporary marine art and ship models. Founded in 1979, it has become the recognized leader in the field, representing more than 250 of the premier artists and modelers from around the world. The Maritime Gallery is located on the banks of the Mystic River with the beautiful surroundings of its parent organization, Mystic Seaport - *The Museum of America and the Sea*, internationally respected as one of the world's leading centers of maritime history since 1929. Like the Museum, the Gallery adheres to the highest standards of scholarship, integrity, and connoisseurship.

Working closely with the artists, the Gallery is in a unique position to offer collectors their choice from among the best work on the market. In addition to hosting major theme exhibitions each year, the Gallery always has on hand a number of paintings, sculptures, scrimshaw, and ship models. As varied as these works are, they all have one thing in common – they are the finest examples of their kind available anywhere.

You are invited to visit the Gallery, located outside the Museum's main gate, one mile south of Exit 90 off I-95. Three hours north of New York City by train or automobile, and two hours south of Boston.

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ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 1, 2017
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ENTRY FORM
you must keep
a photocopy
for your records

Please Print

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Country _____

Telephone () _____ Email address _____

Fax () _____ Website address _____

<p>First Entry</p> <p>Title _____</p> <p>Image Size (in inches) _____ Hx _____ Wx _____ D</p> <p>Medium _____ Retail Price \$ _____</p> <p>Was this piece done in the studio or en plein air? _____</p> <p>_____ Accepted _____ Declined</p>	<p>Second Entry</p> <p>Title _____</p> <p>Image Size (in inches) _____ Hx _____ Wx _____ D</p> <p>Medium _____ Retail Price \$ _____</p> <p>Was this piece done in the studio or en plein air? _____</p> <p>_____ Accepted _____ Declined</p>
<p>Third Entry</p> <p>Title _____</p> <p>Image Size (in inches) _____ Hx _____ Wx _____ D</p> <p>Medium _____ Retail Price \$ _____</p> <p>Was this piece done in the studio or en plein air? _____</p> <p>_____ Accepted _____ Declined</p>	<p>Fourth Entry</p> <p>Title _____</p> <p>Image Size (in inches) _____ Hx _____ Wx _____ D</p> <p>Medium _____ Retail Price \$ _____</p> <p>Was this piece done in the studio or en plein air? _____</p> <p>_____ Accepted _____ Declined</p>

Entry Fee: \$20.00 for the first entry; \$15.00 for each additional entry.

TOTAL \$ _____

Method of payment: Check (made payable to The Maritime Gallery at Mystic Seaport)

_____ MasterCard/VISA _____ AMEX

Credit Card # _____

Expires: _____ / _____

I acknowledge and accept the terms of this Prospectus:

Artist's Signature _____

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