



11TH ANNUAL ART COMPETITION

MAY 19 - JULY 7, 2023
4TH FLOOR GALLERY



AWARDS CEREMONY

Friday, May 19th, 2023; 8pm
4th Floor Gallery

BEST OF SHOW PRIZE \$3,000

SECOND PRIZE \$1,500

THIRD PRIZE \$750

PEOPLE'S CHOICE \$500

*Front Cover Artwork: "Hold On" by Erin Garrity Duffey
10th Annual Art Competition Finalist*

BRIDGEPORT ART CENTER is proud to present our 11th Annual Art Competition, chosen by this year's distinguished jurors: Heraclitus Vernon and Maggie Ledbetter. Selected from 512 completed applications, the jurors have curated a captivating showcase of 71 regional talented artists working across painting, drawing, photography, assemblage, sculpture, print-making, fiber, digital & mixed media. The 11th Annual Art Competition exhibit demonstrates the exciting diversity and inclusiveness of contemporary art and artists within the 150 mile Chicago area radius.

The Annual Art Competition was created to showcase the exceptional talents and abilities of Chicago area artists. The competition is open to all artists, aged 18 and over, who live or have studios within a 150-mile radius of Chicago. Work must have been created within the last three years. The competition accepts a broad spectrum of art media and styles.

THANK YOU to all of the entrants of our 11th Annual Juried Art Competition. We will be announcing details for our 12th anniversary competition in early 2024. Be sure to follow us on social media for the latest news and updates on other exciting programming.

- The Bridgeport Art Center Team

A MESSAGE FROM THE CURATOR

Each piece accepted into the Bridgeport Art Center's 11th Annual Art Competition possesses an accomplishment in artistic expression. The unifying element connecting artworks of different styles and subjects, is the artist's understanding and ability to articulate and execute communication through their artistic practice.

While simultaneously building a visually compelling competition, the visual art works selected into the BAC Art Competition every year are documents of current culture expressed through the artists' compositions and insight.

As an award recipient of the 1st Annual Bridgeport Art Center Competition, 2013, for best 3D piece, I am inspired and delighted to be designing and installing this year's engaging exhibition. I look forward to meeting you all at the Awards Ceremony.

Marci Rubin,

Curator, Bridgeport Art Center

JURORS

HEREACLITUS VERNON is a Chicago based performance, video, and visual artist that has presented their trans/disciplinary work throughout Europe and the US for 3 decades. They have a masters in Sculpture from Yale School of Art in 95¹. As a result, they were awarded an ARTS RELIEF FUND from American Artists, a Robert Rauschenberg fund, and a grant from the Foundation for Contemporary Art. They have been recognized for their generous collaborations with the Chicago dance and performance community for 14 years. In March 2020 they contracted COVID 19 and to alchemize their harrowing near death experience, created a large public multi-window theatrical installation of mixed media to perform in. "At The Yellow Windows" was installed at Co-Prosperity Sphere and was made possible with a generous grant from the Andy Warhol Foundation. Hereaclitus Vernon's mixed media installation, FAE-RIETROPOLIS, was exhibited at the Bridgeport Art Center's 4th Floor Gallery in Environment/s/tallation January-March 2023.

MAGGIE LEDBETTER is an avid art collector and self-professed provocateur. She is the founder and Executive Director of the Underground Art Gallery Chicago (UAGC), a private arts institution in the Irving Park neighborhood, which she describes as “a stomping ground for creatives of all types, one-part swanky clubhouse, one part subversive charity.” The missions of the UAGC are to put money in the hands of artists; to encourage creative collaboration and interdisciplinary community-building; and to make fine art more accessible to the masses. When Maggie isn’t hustling for the UAGC, she applies her law degree to investigating criminal cases, and (ostensibly) “solves murder mysteries with math” using a heuristic she calls “Double Tunnel Vision.” She is currently writing a book on the subject, entitled *Doubt*, coming out in 2024.

LIST OF FINALISTS

Jonathan Antos	Amel Dockery
Tony Armendariz	Rachel Fosler
Jim bachor	Judith Roston Freilich
Kyle Barron	Kendra Fuller
Kim Basile	Michael Gallagher
Jason Branscum	Chris Garbacz
Kent Broadbent	Nichole Glazik
Jessica Brown	Devin Gora
Pat Brutchin	Carol Hammerman
Elizabeth Buchanan	Jonah Hoffman
Griffin Carrick	Laurel Izard
Michael Chambers	James G. Jackson, III
Miles Chumley	Damien James
Zyra Clark	Aonna Jones
Barbara Colbert	Laura Lee Junge
Angie Conwell	Millicent Kennedy
Anthony Del Nagro	Steve Kost
Elena Disabato	Jooseal Lee

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Cindy Lesperance	Mathias Spider Schergen
Michael Marx	Cadence Steenson
Marcia Matus	Bob Tanner
Keelan McMorrow	Lisette Tellado
Eli Merritt	Qyjon The Icon
Dan Neslon	Janette Torres Cordero
NoonSlaps	Lynn Tsan
Jacy Nordmeyer	Bill Turner
Mikaela Nummerdor	Von Dickens Ulsa
Obisoulstar	Ariana Vaeth
Erik Ohrn	Riley Valentine
Mariam Pare	Lucie Van der Elst
Kristen Pataky	Constance Volk
Jonathan Pruc	Joy Walsh
Emily Pruyn	Jacob Watts
Jihyun Ra	Brian Wildeman
Julie Reilly	Rainer Wolter
Cande Sagan	



Jonathan Antos

Sleep

Oil paint with acrylic marker

2023

14" x 15"

\$1,000



Tony Armendariz

The World According to Bracelet Man

Watercolor on paper

2022

38" x 28"

\$6,000



Jim bachor

Don't Insta Gram This

Marble and Smalti

2023

16" x 20" x 1.75"

\$4,000



Kyle Barron

Widow's Watch

Photography and aerosol paint

2021

24" x 36"

\$500



Kim Basile

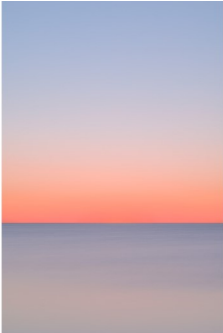
In the Woods

Oil and acrylic

2023

60" x 60"

\$2,000



Jason Branscum

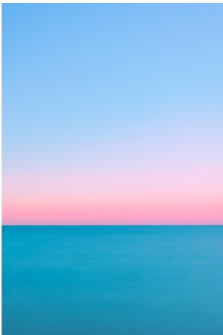
Lake Michigan 072922

Pigment print on photo-rag

2022

20" x 30"

\$1,000



Jason Branscum

Lake Michigan 081622

Pigment print on photo-rag

2022

20" x 30"

\$1,000



Kent Broadbent

Squircle

CWM and oil

2022

24" x 24"

\$900



Jessica Brown
Blue Tide
Oil on canvas
2023
36" x 24"
NFS



Pat Brutchin
Grinding Tensions
Terracotta and wood
2022
16" x 10" x 14"
\$2,600



Elizabeth Buchanan
Cluster
Textured glass, c-print
2022
24" x 2" x 12"
\$1,850



Griffin Carrick
Surmount
Up-cycled blue jeans, cotton fill
2023
24" x 13" x 4"
\$240



Griffin Carrick

Upright

Up-cycled blue jeans, cotton fill and foam

2023

9" x 9" 14.5"

\$350



Michael Chambers

Feet of Mud-Misstep

Cast concrete, ceramic, asphalt tar, diesel exhaust fluid

2021

4" x 48" x 72"

\$1,500



Miles Chumley

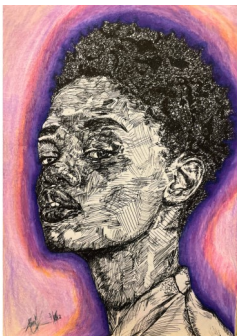
No. 36

Acrylic on canvas

2020

48" x 72"

\$8,000



Zyra Clark

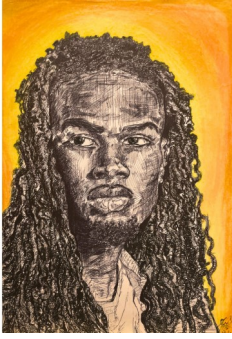
The Devine

Ballpoint pen and color pencil on paper

2022

12" x 9"

\$150



Zyra Clark

Benevolence

Ballpoint pen and color pencil on paper

2022

12" x 9"

\$150



Barbara Colbert

Folkloric Dancer

Archival pigment print

2022

25" x 19"

\$195



Angie Conwell

Half of Me

Charcoal and conte on illustration board

2021

20" x 15"

\$3,000



Anthony Del Nagro

Quarter Horses

Acrylic on canvas

2023

11" x 14"

\$1,600



Elena Disabato

Gem II

Oil and Swarovski crystals on canvas

2021

24" x 36"

\$1,400



Amel Dockery

Virtue

Plaster, acrylic paint, gold leaf, hair charms, faux hair

2022

21" x 11.5" x 10"

\$2,222



Rachel Fosler

Out of the Darkness Emerges a Moderately Attractive Woman

Oil on canvas

2023

34" x 25"

\$600



Judith Roston Freilich

Hidden Glow

Mixed media, weathered paper with nylon wire

2021

63" x 70"

NFS



Kendra Fuller

In Defense of Childhood

Oil on wood panel

2023

10" x 10"

NFS



Michael Gallagher

A Comprehensive History of White Privilege

Stiffened fabric, embroidery, gold leaf,
hand-bound book

2020

23.5" x 16" x 2"

\$1,500



Chris Garbacz

Fagradalsfjall

Photograph printed on metal

2021

18" x 32"

\$650



Nichole Glazik

Lurker

Acrylic on canvas

2023

16" x 20"

\$300



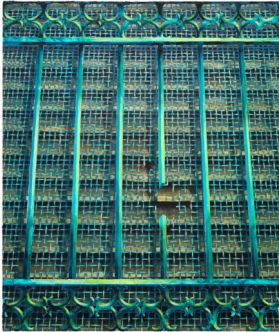
Devin Gora

Alias 0x0000000000215af
Inkjet print on polyester film
2022
42" x 42"
\$500



Carol Hammerman

Global Silence
Wood, PTEG, printed paper, brass
2022
18" x 18" x 3"
\$1,500



Jonah Hoffman

Gate-Unkept
Acrylic and oil on canvas
2021
42" x 50"
\$1,800



Laurel Izard

Clowns and Soldiers
Textile
2022
43" x 32"
\$2,400



James G. Jackson, III

Full Note
Mixed media
2022
34" x 36"
NFS



Damien James

Breonna Taylor: June 5, 1993 – March 13, 2020
Marker and spray paint on paper
2022
22.75" x 30.5"
NFS



Anonna Jones

The Climb
Oil paint on MDF
2023
19.5" x 19"
\$1,200



Laura Lee Junge

Rock Around the Clock 8:00
Vinyl records, clay, metal, speakers,
acrylic paint
2023
52" x 43" x 8"
\$3,950



Millicent Kennedy

Obsolescence: Landline

Landline phone dismantled and quilted into fabric

2022

16" x 32"

\$900



Steve Kost

Bee Positive

Metal sculpture

2020

8" x 4" x 4"

\$6,800



Jooseal Lee

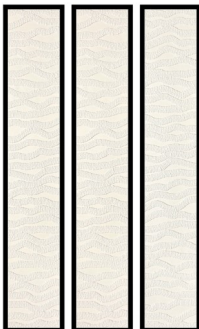
The Cells #12

Tea bags, mixed media, acrylics on canvas

2023

48" x 48"

\$4,500



Cindy Lesperance

Simplicity Song

Encaustic

2022

37" x 23"

\$2,000



Michael Marx
Mixed up with Opa
Mixed media
2020
35" x 35"
\$4,250



Marcia Matus
Etude 3
Watercolor
2023
8" x 8"
NFS



Marcia Matus
Etude 4
Watercolor
2023
8" x 8"
NFS



Keelan McMorrow
Some Hope for a Hero
Acrylic on panel
2022
36" x 24"
\$4,500



Eli Merritt

Ram

Plywood, aluminum, steel 3D print,
walnut, maple, found objects

2023

55" x 23" x 37"

\$5,500



Dan Nelson

Dancing with David

Acrylic on canvas

2022

24" x 48"

\$2,500



NoonSlaps

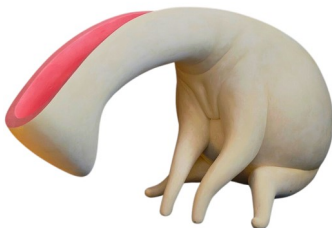
Metastasis

Watercolor, alcohol marker, gel pen
on paper

2023

11" x 14"

\$250



Jacy Nordmeyer

Sad Seat

Foam, fiberglass resin, epoxy, acrylic
paint

2023

33" x 36" x 64"

\$9,500



Mikaela Nummerdor

Excerpt of a Dream

Archival inkjet print on kodak endura
metallic paper

2022

12" x 18"

\$100



Obisoulstar

*Scarred: The Journey of a Warrior
(Breast Cancer Survivor)*

Photo on HD metal frame

2021

24" x 36"

Free photo service for cancer survivors



Erik Ohrn

We Weather More Quickly

Oil on panel

2023

24.5" x 20.5"

\$550



Mariam Pare

Imaginary Landscape No. 1

Oil on canvas, painted by mouth

2020

11" x 14"

NFS



Kristen Pataky

Untitled Houses

Acrylic on illustration board

2023

Left: 2.25" x 3" Right: 2.25" x 2.875"

NFS



Jonathan Pruc

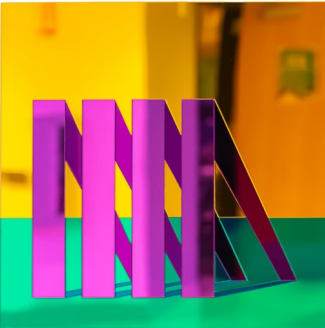
Columns

Mirrored Acrylic

2022

16" x 16"

\$1,600



Jonathan Pruc

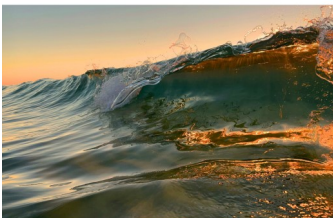
Divide

Mirrored Acrylic

2022

16" x 16"

\$1,600



Emily Pruyn

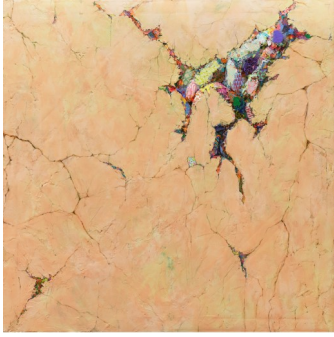
Heart Wave

Archival luster paper with acrylic frame

2022

40" x 28"

\$1,900



Jihyun Ra

Healing Begins from Celebrating the Diversity!

Acrylic on lace on canvas

2021

30" x 30"

\$3,000



Julie Reilly

We are Speaking

Stained glass, mirror, metal, wire, watercolor

2021

10" x 19.25" x .5"

NFS



Cande Sagan

Monroe Street Station 2

Oil on canvas

2021

24" x 30"

\$4,500



Mathias Spider Schergen

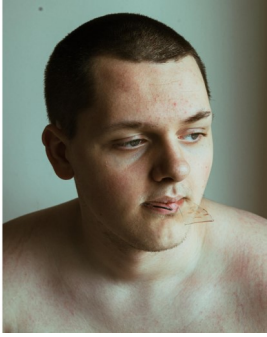
Assemblage Face

Assemblage

2023

18" x 27"

\$350



Cadence Steenson

Pursed

Digital photography

2022

13" x 19"

\$250



Bob Tanner

At Marga's 1

Archival digital print

2022

20" x 16"

\$350



Lissette Tellado

Isla Del Encanto

Dry Pastel

2023

19.5" x 25.5"

NFS



Qyjon The Icon

*Cotton Cannabis Crack the Story of
America Black*

Multimedia collage

2023

48" x 69"

\$5,000



Janette Torres Cordero

Volcan de Agua

Glazed stoneware, glass and neon

2023

36" x 36"

\$2,000



Lynn Tsan

Carnival

Wood and paint

2021

34" x 64"

\$9,800



Bill Turner

Octopod

Needle felted wool, wood, 3D printed plastic, found objects

2022

10" x 10" x 10"

\$250



Bill Turner

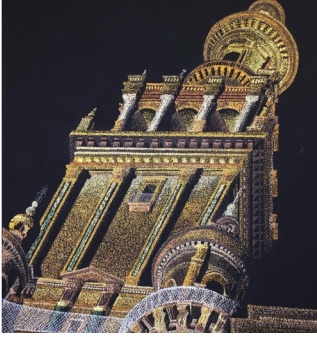
Snailpunk

Needle felted wool, wood, found objects

2021

15.5" x 5" 9"

\$250



Von Dickens Ulsa

Una Torre En La Plaza America

Acrylic

2022

18" x 24"

NFS



Ariana Vaeth

Rose Garden

Oil on canvas

2020

36" x 30"

\$6,300



Riley Valentine

Instant photograph from "The Devine Feminine" scene II

Instant photograph

2023

4.25" x 3.4", 10" x 10" framed

NFS



Lucie Van der Elst

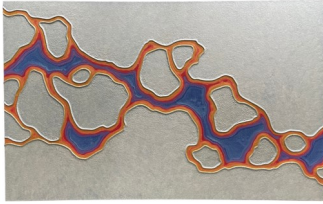
Big Boy Forgot Why He Was Angry

Ink and watercolor on paper

2023

18" x 24"

\$1,000



Constance Volk

Thermal Drift

Clay, acrylic, prismatic oil on canvas

2023

30" x 48"

\$3,200



Joy Walsh

Reximus

Ceramic

2023

22"

\$5,000



Jacob Watts

Summer 2021

Photography and sculpture

2022

23" x 23"

\$2,500



Brian Wildeman

[IN] ORGANIC

Wheel-thrown and altered stoneware,
porcelain, and glazes

2023

White: 24" x 8" x 8"; Pink: 21" x 15";

Blue: 30" x 18"

White: \$600; Pink: \$680; Blue: \$840



Rainer Wolter

Scarab

India ink on cotton rag

2023

27.5" x 40"

\$500

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