4th Biennial Maryland Regional Juried Art Exhibition
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President’s Statement

On behalf of University of Maryland Global Campus (UMGC) and the 90,000 students we serve each year, thank you for supporting our mission and our Arts Program.

For more than 70 years, UMGC has been united and guided by a public mission to bring affordable, quality education within reach for women and men in Maryland and around the world. This, our 4th Biennial Maryland Regional Juried Art Exhibition, supports and expands on that mission, rewarding the creativity and vision of artists in Maryland, Northern Virginia, and the District of Columbia and introducing their work to broader and more diverse audiences, both locally and regionally.

We are delighted at the response from the arts community—with more than 560 submissions in a dazzling variety of formats—and deeply grateful to our talented and insightful guest jurors, who worked so diligently to select the 67 remarkable pieces highlighted here.

None of this would be possible without your active participation and support. And so, to all who are patrons of the arts, to the artists and scholars who broaden and deepen our experience of art and the world around us, and to our many generous donors, I say, “Thank you!”

Director’s Statement

Eric Key
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On behalf of University of Maryland Global Campus (UMGC) and the 90,000 students we serve each year, I would say, “Making Art Is Hard, but Not Making Art Is Harder.”

The 4th Biennial Maryland Regional Juried Art Exhibition (BMRE) is one of several exciting exhibitions that have been curated at UMGC over the past year. The BMRE is especially exciting because it provides the UMGC Arts Program with an opportunity to learn about artists from all over our community—many of whom are new to us. The BMRE also enables us to reacquaint ourselves with artists who have participated in the past. Their involvement is a testament to their belief in the importance of such exhibition projects. We have always urged artists to participate again, even if their works were not selected in previous exhibitions. We encourage them to revisit their works and to visit the exhibition to see what was selected, to read the jurors’ statement in the catalog, or to call the Arts Program; our staff is happy to provide some positive criticism. Some artists have done this, and we are extremely happy to see their new works in the exhibition.

The 2019 BMRE brought 567 submissions to the attention of the Arts Program staff and the three guest jurors—Schroeder Cherry, Preston Sampson, and Gretchen Schermerhorn—who were tasked with selecting the works for the exhibition as well as choosing the award winners. As an independent observer, I am glad I did not have to make those choices. From my perspective, the submissions were extremely strong. I knew it would be hard to select only 50 works—the original number planned for the exhibition—and ultimately, the jurors decided to increase the number to 67, spanning a variety of mediums.

The three jurors—all experienced artists—reviewed all the submissions electronically during the first and second rounds. In the first round, they reduced the number of works by about half. During the second round, the competition was so strong, they were only able to reduce the number to 125. The jurors then met in person, looking at the images of each work in detail, discussing its merit and its quality, to select the 67 works for the exhibition. All this was done with the digital images that accompanied each submission, which emphasizes how important it is that artists take the time to submit professional-quality photographs when participating in such a project. After all, these are the only images that the jurors see. They are not given the names of the artists; aside from the images, they have only the size and medium of each work from which to judge.

In the end, Schroeder Cherry, Preston Sampson, and Gretchen Schermerhorn selected a well-rounded exhibition that represents some of the best from among the many submissions, and on behalf of the UMGC Arts Program, I would like to thank them for their hard work.

Juried art exhibitions serve as a way to support artists by exposing their works to a larger community. Such projects also provide institutions with a way to see what artists are creating and exploring in their works. Just as important, such exhibitions provide a professional environment for people to see the works and an avenue for scholarly critique and discussion of the works. The UMGC Arts Program is proud to present the 4th Biennial Maryland Regional Juried Art Exhibition and to support our community of artists.
Now in its fourth year, the BMRE showcases art in a wide range of disciplines, including painting, photography, printmaking, sculpture, and textiles. The 567 works submitted for the current exhibition are a testimony to the vital art-making community of our region. The artists represent the broad cultural spectrum that exists in Maryland, Northern Virginia, and the District of Columbia.

Since the total number of submissions for exceeded what can be exhibited in the UMGC Arts Program Gallery at one time, tough decisions had to be made regarding which pieces would make the exhibition. This was an unenviable task for us as jurors—all of us are practicing artists and no stranger to the jurying process. During our deliberations, we made choices based on execution and creativity. Execution speaks to overall technical skill in whatever form the artist works. Creativity addresses aspects of composition, imagination, and overall design. We recognize that each discipline has its own criteria for a successful work. This led to spirited discussions as we advanced in the selection process.

Our selection strategy had three stages. The first stage allowed us to individually view all 567 submissions online and to identify works that advanced to the second stage. In this stage, we met again in the electronic world to determine the semifinalists. The next meeting was in person to select the final list of works for the exhibition and to begin deliberation to select the award winners. Reviewing the works together allowed us to create an exhibition of 67 works. In our face-to-face meeting, we decided to wait until after the delivery of the works so we could see them in person and give each work of art the attention needed to select the award winners. During this final stage, we collectively decided on the award winners. The result of our deliberations is the current exhibition, a rich collection of work representing artistic excellence in Maryland and the region.

Congratulations to the artists in the 4th BMRE. We thank all the artists who submitted works for the exhibition and wish you great success in your endeavors.
I DO NOT BELIEVE IN THE ART WHICH IS NOT THE COMPULSIVE RESULT OF HUMANITY’S URGE TO OPEN ITS HEART.

— Edvard Munch —

Exhibition Award Winners

1ST PLACE | President’s Best of Show Award
Scott Ponemone
Charlie and Tim

2ND PLACE | Jurors’ Choice Award
Anne Bissel
He Was Still a Warrior

3RD PLACE | Award of Merit
Jeffrey Schladover
Man of the Year

Arts Program Honorable Mentions
Sarai Kamers
Lady Julia Flyte
Jin Lee
The Challenger
Lisa McDonald
Day of the Dead, Oaxaca Mexico 2
President's Best of Show Award

Scott Ponemone

Charlie and Tim

2019

watercolor on paper

40 x 26 inches

Charlie and Tim is part of my Two by Two series of watercolor couples paintings. Each painting in the series began by observing pairs of people, usually in public. I look for something rather unique, distinguished, or even odd about them. Then I ask them to be instant models for iPhone photos. I ask them to look at the phone but not smile, as smiles are often defensive and not an invitation for interaction. Rarely are more than three images needed. Either their strengths as individuals or bonds as a couple come through in a few shots, or they don’t.

When I recreate the couples in watercolors, I eliminate the background in order to free them from the traditional rectangle. This allows the individuals to meet the viewer as equals. I want that eye-to-eye contact. My subjects, in their own way, dare you to look at them. When the exhibition venue allows, I prefer to show the Two by Two paintings without frames, as the rectangle of the frame also creates distance between the viewer and the painted couples.

2ND PLACE

Jurors' Choice Award

Anne Bouie

He Was Still a Warrior

2018

botanicals, basketry, and raffia

80 x 22 x 7 inches

My goals and aspirations as an artist are to express the universal themes of order, harmony, growth, beauty, and transcendence that undergird the art of most pre-conversion religious and spiritual traditions. These traditions frequently employed symbols, which often served as a shorthand way of communicating truths and teachings. The use of color, placement, shape, order, and quantity of any given combination of objects, artifacts, or ingredients was always intentional and always meaningful.
Award of Merit
Jeffrey Bohlander
Man of the Year
2019
mixed media on canvas
36 x 36 x 3 inches

The goal of my work is to tell a story. It will not be the same story for everyone, as each viewer brings his or her own story. I have always considered myself a painter who combines painting, collage, and assemblage with contemporary concepts. My work is often about memories and evokes a deep love of history, with themes of space and place, family, and heritage. It is narrative in nature, but what I want most is to initiate a dialogue with the viewer.

Arts Program
Honorable Mention
Suzi Kermes
Lady Julia Flyte
2018
screenprint on repurposed wedding dress
72 x 60 x 40 inches

I was never much of a game player. And then, enter my late husband and his love of Scrabble. I watched him gracefully and deliberately place down tiles, and I was hooked! We played often, and I became caught up by the grid—both as a fixed 15-by-15-inch grid with 100 letters and as synonymous with contemporary art. And the questions started to pour out of me: How many permutations are there for the game? What do the patterns look like? What words can be played? Can they make a story? Which form of narrative best serves this story?

I began with screenprints on paper, applying the pattern and the senryu (a form of poetry similar to haiku) until my thirst for exploration of materials grew. I have since printed onto clothes, costumes, chairs, and a room divider, and the list goes on. I repurpose materials such as old window blinds and old clothing, breathing new life into throwaways. My audience loves the work and enjoys reading the senryu and imagining their own games of Scrabble. I offer a tactile experience in many ways: art that can be touched, walked on, sat on, or worn!
Arts Program
Honorable Mention

Jun Lee
The Challenger
2018
four-color reduction woodcut
43 x 30 inches

My body of work attempts to evoke the different mo­ments of our competitive lives—pieces that express the spectrum of competition, from hiding away to preparing for a fight. I use a chick as a metaphor for desire and fear in this competitive thing called life; a rooster symbolizes a winner or a loser, but one that can anticipate the demands of the fight. The rooster still has fear in his eyes but hides the fear with his vicious comb, barbed feet, and exotic feathers. Every time he walks into the fight ring, he stands with pride and trills his head high. I used to see myself as a chick, fear but still fighting. Now, this chick has finally gotten what it wished for: to be a rooster, the last fighter standing.

Lisa McDonald
Day of the Dead, Oaxaca Mexico 2
2018
photograph printed on Red River archival paper
18 x 24 inches

I began photographing at the age of nine, when I received my first Kodak camera as a Christmas gift. When I photograph, I tend to focus on people and their lives—the way they celebrate or protest their culture, heritage, and daily life. My portfolio represents multiple countries and regions, including the United States, Mexico, Panama, Southeast Asia, Myanmar, India, and Morocco. My genre leans toward photojournalism, capturing people unplugged in the moment with an abstract accent—life as it is. This photograph celebrates the Day of the Dead in Oaxaca, Mexico. The orientation is indigenous Zapotec. This photograph is part of a series on Oaxaca photographed when I was living there.
Kim Abraham

Grandaddy’s Attic
2019
oil on linen
30 x 32 inches

I have always been immersed in the complex and conflicted beauty of the natural environment. While my work has involved traditional landscape themes, my painting now explores a somewhat chaotic world where science, nature, memory, and paint collide. I do not wish to render deep space or landscape in my work but rather use these constructs to explore a kaleidoscope of visual clues that define a sense of place and self.

The painting Grandaddy’s Attic involves a place and remembered images that resemble charm bracelet trinkets. Appearing like stars cast over a deep nighttime landscape, the glistening crowd of tiny shapes hovering over a glowing place revives glimpses and connections of my life with my grandfather’s. This image reveals a world where enigmas of the past and present magically and mysteriously connect.

Cathy Abramson

Good Bones III
2019
oil on canvas
24 x 36 inches

The city—its pulse, stories, and colors—captivates me. My representational paintings examine how the city changes from moment to moment in its appearance and narrative. I see poetry in the ordinary, and although I paint particular people and scenes, my paintings resonate with everyone. I explore the urban environment through the pointillist aspects of my subject matter: I depict the linear quality of buildings under construction and the effect of light and shadow on the

geometry of the built environment with squeegees, rollers, and brushes. The theme of transitions continues from my previous work on the effect of change on the urban environment. Many of the buildings retain structures from previous construction either by mandate or by design. When I paint people in the midst of change, I imagine their stories and the emotions that lie beneath the surface. The stories are ambiguous, and the viewer posits the narrative.
John Aquilino
Midtown Morning
2019
oil on canvas
30 x 30 inches

The urban landscape has been the focus of my artwork since I moved from New York City to Maryland in 2003. While living in New York, I was an illustrator and graphic artist for more than 20 years. I now paint full-time and exhibit regularly in the Washington, D.C., region and nationally.

In exploring the cityscape theme, I'm fascinated by the endless patterns of colors and shadows produced by the changing light throughout the day and even at different times of the year. My goal is not to document a particular city or view but rather to manipulate shapes and shadows to create striking compositions. The colors are exaggerated, the surfaces are simplified, and architectural features are rearranged or eliminated. My work often combines realistic and abstract elements, and I find this contrast really interesting. My preferred medium is oil, but I also use photography, drawing, gouache, and collage to create urban landscapes.

Geeky Art
King of Baltimore
2019
mixed media on canvas
12 x 12 x 5 inches

I find true tranquility during the process of creating art; feel trapped until it is finished. It's an addiction and an obsession, pain and pleasure indivisible.
I am a people person. I started out as a painter and was looking forward to portrait painting when World War II began. After graduating from the Philadelphia College of Art (now the University of the Arts), I became a volunteer one-person USO show, working as one of the artists sent to various military hospitals to sketch bedridden servicemen who missed the usual USO performances. Over the years working in the hospitals and at the Stage Door Canteen when I was home in Philadelphia, I did more than 3,000 portrait sketches.

Later, when I was teaching at Howard University and no longer felt the need to do portraits, I became interested in printmaking, and somewhere along the way I fell in love with line. My work now is mostly prints based on figures of people expressed with line.
Marilyn Banner

Barri Gotic

Encaustic has been my art medium for more than 15 years. Consisting of pigmented beeswax and damar, it is used hot. Its malleability allows me to engage with it in a very physical way, layering, carving in, building up, scraping back, and reworking until the painting feels complete. I am inspired by direct physical contact with nature, especially blossoms, trees, leaves, stone, flowing water, sand, and shells. I am drawn to places and spaces that have resonance, that make me stop and listen. Those are the experiences that awaken the artist in me and compel me to share my experience in paint.

Barri Gotic is one of a series of works done after a deeply moving visit to the Old City in Barcelona. The ancient stone buildings there felt alive to me, and I spent many hours close to them, soaking up the energy that seemed to radiate from the walls. My intention is to share from, and move the viewer to, the experience of deep memory that resides in all of us.

Carol Barton

Forsythia

I delight in colors and how they relate—some shout, some groan, some whisper. Pulling these various colors together in a painting is a playful struggle. Often I muddle my palette by combining the colors from a previous day’s work into a gritty gray or brown and, with this as a start, overlay fresh hues in an effort to pull all together in a genial accord. Harmony and balance are not always achieved; the learning is in the effort. When the effort does work, it’s a joy.

I don’t work directly from nature but prefer to let things I’ve seen sit for a while to distill into their essence, hence Forsythia. The blossoms first appeared along the walk to my studio in April. By May they had taken hold of my visual imagination. What could be more hopeful than a bright yellow line of early spring flowering against the muted gray scrim of a winter sky? When I finally did the painting, my palette was a lively mix, but the sanguine colors of its spring debut remain, layered in the paint.
Joan Bevelaqua
Two 2019
oil on canvas
38 x 48 inches

My paintings are based on careful observation. I challenge my ability to create the illusion of the real while exploring psychological and subconscious themes. I have always revered the personal, hoping the images will speak to universal ideas. Much of my work over the last decade explores aspects of my life by using the memory of a dress as a metaphor for experiences and emotions.

David Bottini
Rocky Path 2019
acrylic on canvas
22 x 28 inches

Painting has enthralled me since I was a young student studying with artists Robert Stanley and Nick Ruggieri, who helped inspire my lifelong dream of becoming an artist. I continue to revel in the power of a brushstroke and the transformational impact of making paintings. My work captures my passion for landscape and atmospheric effects, which is inspired by my Italian grandfather, Gabriel. I use the painting signature “Gabriel” as a dedication to his interest in nature and appreciation of the world around him. My paintings are in the classic realism style, honed under a focused studio process, and my goal of capturing a specific moment of solitude surrounded by nature aligns with the Romantic tradition.
Susan Callahan
The life of a chef is hot
Line Cooks
Is a dance with flame and steam
2019 A team sport by spinning plates
Cotton textile, acrylic paint, and cotton and metallic thread
Followed by a speedy retreat and a late-night breakfast
13 x 105 inches Done daily, done daily, done daily
The life of a chef is hot

Wilfred Brunner
Wait for it
2019
Oil on canvas
12 x 18 inches
Working with the historically most basic and available aspects of (primarily) the medium of painting is a personal means of exploration to at best resolve, and at least come to terms with, experience. It is not an entirely self-indulgent process in that there is an attempt to make images that might be useful to the mind and, in some way, to the spirit. The curator Walter Hopps referred to me as an imagist—a designation I not only accept but embrace.
A cabinet of curiosity, or wunderkammer, is a piece of furniture with drawers, doors, and shelves to display collected objects for examination and study. I collect images of people and imagine their stories. I also collect numbers for the expressiveness of their lines and shapes. Installed as a single or double spiral, the book-like scroll conceals some numbers and people to create curiosity about what is hidden, encouraging wonder about what else is there.

I paint the human figure from dramatic vantage points, playing with light and shadows to create a strong emotional impact and to draw the viewer into the unfolding narrative. Like the 19th-century French impressionists, I capture moments in time: a commuter biking home, a person walking a dog, a mother and child crossing a busy street, a skateboarder doing kickflips, or ballet dancers rehearsing. I use minimal architectural details to leave a mystery for the individual viewer to infer a sense of place and feel a common bond of humanity. I create time-lapse videos of my paintings as part of my artistic process to document the evolution of my paintings from sketches to final artwork.
My narrative style has been to paint faceless individuals to allow the viewer to fill in the expressions for a visual conversation and to create dialogue for growth about history and identity. My concern has always been the human experience and the black experience, based on people that I have met, seen, taught, mentored, and experienced in my life. My continued hope is that they will discover their freedom, culture, and identity. In Search for Peace was inspired by the Festa da Boa Morte (Festival of the Good Death), which is sponsored by the Sisterhood of the Good Death in Cachoeira, Bahia, Brazil. Their focus is to honor the ancestral spirits and the lives of black people all over the world.
Lance, the subject of this portrait, has been a close friend of mine for more than 30 years. We have visited countless museums together and have spent many hours discussing our favorite—and sometimes our least favorite—artists and their work. Lance is an accomplished amateur photographer. On several occasions over the years, he has provided me with photos that I have used as source material for paintings.

With this portrait, I chose to create an expressive abstract background, something that supports the portrait without distracting from it. I would like the viewers to feel that they are in a museum or gallery with Lance, possibly discussing their favorite painting.

Two processes dominate my studio practice: painting and repurposing found objects. I believe that even the most mundane objects possess a spirit and a history. My interest in this history compels me to reconstructive everyday objects through customization and assemblages. In my work, I search for and collect old, used sports objects and employ techniques such as sewing with shoestrings to suggest new possible narratives.

The Basketball Bloom series is composed of multiple disassembled basketballs—some pristine, others scuffed and worn. Each ball is roughly oval, suggesting a disembodied head, a substitute for a person, or a melancholic allusion to a life that has never had the opportunity to bloom. The Basketball Bloom series allows me to introduce new artifacts to viewers, challenging them to see not only what is present, but also what is represented.
Cheryl Edwards

*Water Angel #4 (Egyptian Paddle Doll)*

2018
mixed media
48 x 36 x 2 inches

*Water Angel #4* is a reflection of the Egyptian paddle dolls used in Egypt between the years 2040 and 1991 BC. The paddle doll was considered a symbol of fertility, protection, and feminine sexuality. The inverted triangle is a symbol of water as used in science (chemistry), and the spiral is a universal symbol of both infinity and fertility. In making this work, I thought about how humans, made up of 70 percent water—and in this instance females—are connected to the universal whole of all existence by a core identity of DNA sustained by our commonality of water and fertility. It is part of my current series entitled *The Relevance of Water: Memory and Core Identity.*

Luc Fiedler

*Where Winds Come From*

2016
forged steel, cast bronze, wood, and stone
12 x 13½ x 4 inches

Sculpture is essentially a metaphysical landscape. The raw/natural materials combine with manmade materials and processes to evoke a sense of unity and energy. Waves and lines of energy flow up and out of the linear forms and forged steel ring.
The concept of language is intriguing, because without giving it a thought we immerse ourselves in its abstractness—and then embrace what we encounter as real. By contrast, the more visible abstractness of art employs its undisguised power to pivot our focus, irresistibly drawing us into inquiry and introspection.

Gayle Friedman
Suppertime
2018
mixed media
55 x 41 x 15 inches

A different kind of returning happens after both parents have died. In my case, my childhood home shattered into a wake of family objects. This body of work is inspired by my mother’s obsessive collecting of Delftware and my father’s beloved tools. These heirlooms call on me to explore time, family relationships, traditional gender roles, the power of objects, and death. This investigation is archaeological. I tear or break pieces, because nearly everything ends up fractured in the end. Sometimes I glue them back together in an attempt to repair the damage. Like ancient artifacts, these items resonate with cultural and historical meaning.

In this piece, I reconstruct these fragments into a reimagined childhood home. These new “home spaces” provide access to emotional sites where deep meaning resides.
Originally from southern Spain, I moved to the United States in the spring of 1999, and I have lived in Maryland since 2013. I have taken several non-credit photography courses over the years, but the vast part of my photographic education consists of many years of loving this media and many hours of trial and error. I am the busy mother of three teenagers, who have been and still are my inspiration, and the proud spouse of a retired Navy officer.

Homeless in America. We walk by these people every day. We’re feeling especially generous, we may buy one a sandwich but never give money for fear it will only go for drugs or alcohol. An estimated 18 percent have mental and physical disabilities preventing them from working and, with the decline in mental healthcare, have no recourse. But about 33 percent are families with children, 11 percent are veterans, and 25 percent of these people are employed but unable to afford housing on minimum wage. Come on, America, we can do better than this.
Susan Goldman
*Squaring the Flower III*
2019
screenprint
32 x 32 inches

*Squaring the Flower* is an installation of 24 screenprints, each 32 by 32 inches. With rows of prints arranged into one grand composition, I am referencing both the friezes of antiquity and the ever-changing rhythms of improvisational jazz music. The installation bridges the worlds of ancient and modern art and music.

My artistic challenge is to transform a still life form of a flower in a vase into dynamic, modern imagery. I am seeking to create a balance between decorative Victorian art, as characterized by ornate shapes and patterns, and modernism, with its bold forms and bright colors. The flower gets stripped away, covered up and overprinted, yet it always finds a way back in, like a melodious refrain or a cherry blossom in springtime. Shifting 19th-century two-point perspective into a single-point, aerial perspective by flattening the image and seeing it from above is the genesis for *Squaring the Flower*, which has become an in-depth exploration of color on a large scale.

Cyd Goodwin
*Losers*
2019
oil on linen
40 x 26 inches

I am an oil painter specializing in fanciful portraiture of visually interesting people who have wonderful costume, expressions, and attitudes. These visual characteristics inspire me to incorporate imaginative touches in my paintings. I always paint an image that I’m excited about and happy to paint. In addition, I try to add a challenge (something I have not tried before) to each painting.

I apply my illustrative skills to produce realistic and yet creative visions of people for myself and others to enjoy. As a realistic painter, I follow many traditional approaches to oil painting to produce a finished painting. I begin with the use of primed and toned linen. Next, a charcoal drawing of the model is followed by an underpainting. Then the main layer of paint is applied, followed by a final touch-up layer. It generally takes me one month to complete a painting.
My artistic goal is to create a reality that fits a perception.

Manipulating the authority of representational portraiture, my work deconstructs historical ideas of secure identity and fixed-painting techniques through subtexts of the staged, self-aware portrait. I highlight continuities between the self and the constructed image as I attempt to clarify my contemporary concerns about race, class, and social standing. My paintings, with subjects often posed as alters in precarious 19th- and 20th-century modes of portraiture, are rooted in the need for empathy and a historical desire for connection and feeling. Using classical multilayered painting approaches, I unpack the technical and social framework created by, but not limited by, historical art traditions.

In After Judgement, I address pressures between underpainting and overpainting to animate conflict beneath formally written narratives of regalia worn during a ceremonial procession or trial. I explore provisional forms of self-representation where processing the image means to slow down the view, suspend judgment, and get inside its surface. By emphasizing conflicts between the inner and the outer, I hope to foster new realities and new ways of being understood as not brown or white, wealthy or poor, but human. Often acknowledging classical methods’ incapacities for telling the truth, I stress ideas of vulnerability, false glamorization, and the anxiety of reconciling the past with the present.
I create artwork to foster joy, hope, meaningful connections, and conversation. Inspired by Chinese yin-yang philosophy, calligraphy, and woodblock prints, as well as elements of my nation folk art such as embroidery and textiles, I use lines and colors, symbols and metaphors, and shapes and patterns in my art, integrating techniques such as dipping, dripping, tapping, and using mixed media to explore the complex nature of human existence in our ever-changing physical world.

Connection #2 stems from my observation of and meditation on our current state of living in this ever-advancing information age, in which the internet, the smartphone, and various forms of social media have irrevocably changed the world. These changes touch every aspect of our daily lives as well as the space and universe within which we reside and beyond which we attempt to explore. Looking around us and beyond, I see excitement, agitation, confusion, or even chaos, but meanwhile I sense serenity, peace, order, and joy. I paint intuitively on hand-wrinkled Xuan paper from the images streaming into my mind. With passion I draw lines flying across the space and use fine brushes and various techniques to create layers of textures and effects. In the process, I can see the lines and colors dancing; dots, shapes, and figures are energized to tell stories of their own.

Kevin Holder
Wisdom Keeper
2018
oil on canvas
22 x 28 inches

My desire to capture moods and facial expressions is what drives my creativity. Although I work fluidly between painting, printmaking, and computer graphics, I prefer manipulating the oil medium on canvas to achieve a rich multilayered texture that resembles a degree of realism.
Joyce Jewell
Reclamation
2019
mixed-media monotype
8 x 16 inches

Elements of printmaking—collage, photography, drawing, and painting—have always been key components of the mixed-media monotypes that I make. My recent body of work has allowed me to combine traditional printmaking techniques with photographs and drawings on polyester litho plates, resulting in a challenging new environment of aesthetic choice and possibility.

My work explores the juxtaposition of images that celebrate the beauty of the natural world surviving, and even thriving, amid the consequences of human activity. A cast shadow, a humble coffee cup, or the mystery of the habitat that surrounds us can have a certain elegance that evokes a particular moment in time. My work involves collecting, combining, and interacting with these images in ways that celebrate our concurrent existence. Reclamation is a reflection on those relationships.

Troy Jones
This is America
2019
oil and acrylic on canvas
24 x 24 inches

My latest body of work is based on the African American experience in today’s America, including how one can be there and not be noticed for one’s achievements. We as a people have played a major role in the history of this country as well as the world. As a people, we continue to be marginalized in this great country of America. We as a people have grown used to wearing masks on a regular basis. These masks sometimes show the true spirit of a person, while at other times they hide that spirit. My goal is to uplift and to slowly peel back that mask we have grown used to wearing.
Inspired by the 19th-century landscape paintings of the Hudson River School, I create richly layered landscapes that combine the real with the imagined. Winter Sonata, Nos. 1–3 were photographed at the Black Marsh Natural Area just outside eastern Baltimore City on property once owned by the Bethlehem Steel Company. Despite being surrounded by an industrial, urban environment, Black Marsh is considered one of the finest examples of a tidal marsh in the upper Chesapeake Bay. It’s a landscape that time forgot. Black Marsh is a reminder of what this endangered landscape—home to many species of birds, fish, and native plants—was like prior to industrialization, and what could be lost.

Karen Klinedinst
Winter Sonata, No. 1–3
2019
archival pigment prints on vellum and silver leaf
15½ x 13½ inches each

David Knopp
Phenix
2019
laminated Baltic birch plywood
63 x 46 x 23 inches

My designs evolve as sculptural forms first, with functionality not dictating the result. My design approach is an intuitive balance between aesthetic form and functional qualities. Freedom from convention allows the work to transform from a vision. Producing the works comes as naturally and free flowing as they appear. I encounter the unexpected in the process.
Through pain, struggling, and suffering
We as a people have been
BENT BUT NOT BROKEN

The vultures are part of the Train Wrecks series that looks at the aftermath of disaster. Sometimes all it takes is one bad decision—someone in the wrong place at the wrong time—and things go terribly wrong. Blast tunnels and coal cars often derail in ways that can be mathematically described. The end result is a landscape in which everything has come to a full stop, and there is time to consider how layers of detail build up to a final result. The vultures (paper collaged on wood) suggest a god’s eye view of a world in which humans are reshaping coastlines and ecosystems by burning fossil fuels.
My paintings, drawings, and constructions are fueled by life experiences and nature. I work intuitively, combining, editing, and recombining marks into compositions that are unexpectedly recognizable. I don’t set out to tell a story, but my many years as an illustrator inevitably weave their way into my work. I don’t want to learn anything from what I paint. I often look at things in my work and wonder what I did to make them. What I want from finishing a piece is the confidence to start the next one and know it will end up making me happy. In the process of finishing a piece, I want to step back and giggle.

The Baltimore Ruins paintings are highly detailed paintings of the city’s once beautiful but now crumbling structures. I aspire to reflect the deep, dark, gritty nature of the city, as is reflected in its architecture. Inferences to the human psyche are enmeshed in each gash, hole, and sloppy patch. Some of the paintings focus on very complex graffiti and tags, as well as the wheat paste street art that has been applied. This subculture of spray paint language and other postings battles with itself and with the buildings it has been applied to. Surprising contradictions and mixed messages evolve within the chaos.
The intent of my recent work is to capture the solemn beauty of bare winter trees. My aim is not to create traditional landscapes, but to metaphorically address the basic feelings of loss and renewal.

Whether a particular piece is representational or abstract in nature, my work is collage-like. The color and pattern of the fabric are essential elements in my attempt to achieve my goal of creating a sense of mystery, spontaneity, and expressiveness.
Anne Arundel County has been planting all sorts of saplings along roads as part of a reforestation project. The results are beautiful and strange. There is an odd interleaving of time frames, scale, and purpose.

Mary Ott
Summer Reflections II
2019
etching with aquatint and oil pastel on mulberry paper
25 x 30 inches

This etching gives the illusion of grass blades. The vertical strokes on the plate were formed by dipping thread in liquid stop-out resist and pulling the thread down on the surface of the plate. The thread marks protected the blade-like areas of the plate when it was etched in acid, but the regions between these stopped-out lines were etched deeply. A variation in tone was achieved using the process of aquatint. The plate was inked and then printed on Thai Unryu blue chiffon mulberry paper. The paper had been folded in half, allowing the ink to print directly on one layer of the paper and to print through the second layer, producing a reflection of the image below the image. After the ink had dried, oil pastel was applied to the print.
Marcia Palmer  
The Workshop  
2018  
oil painting on canvas  
48 x 36 inches  

My art is often inspired by the detail found in ordinary objects or scenes in my daily life. The Workshop was painted to preserve a memory of my father. Each element of this painting has its own story. My hope is that the simplicity and familiarity of these elements will create a unique story for each viewer.

Judith Peck  
Expecting Magic  
2018  
oil on panel  
14 x 11 inches  

My painting titled Expecting Magic is my reaction to the division in our time. I have imbedded plaster shards to produce a tactile result, reinforcing the idea of a world marked by disunion and how an effort to bring together the broken pieces may begin with acknowledging our collective likeness with compassion. My hope is that this piece communicates that ignoring a person’s full being and our shared humanity only separates and simplifies us, while recognition of our diversity, color, and depth has the potential to unite us.
A recent series, *We Will Not Go Back*, includes this current work, which reflects my response as an artist and granddaughter of immigrants to recent calls for American citizens and others of foreign descent to “go back where they came from.” This work potrays my own grandmother, a refugee who found a home and life in the United States. It is an etching based on a photograph I took of her when I was a child. It caught, I believe, her remembering the joys and sorrows of her life and a longing for those she left behind on a war-torn continent, as suggested by the images on the dark side of the work. While socio-political and environmental issues have been a major impetus for much of my artistic practice, my work has been tempered by a lifelong passion for using my art to celebrate the beauty of the world that makes life a joyful adventure and a blessing.
My work focuses on the depiction of everyday objects and symbols arranged in ways that suggest the portrayal of a rich and dynamic narrative. Within these narrative artworks, I address social and cultural issues that vary from understated to sensational yet always aim to trigger the viewer’s awareness. Popular culture is often a leading factor in my choice of subject matter; however, it is the narrative and storytelling that truly guide the direction and intent within my work.

Mike Shaffer
Shaffer-Human Brain AI Interface System 20-3
2019
electronic equipment, steel, and paint
54 x 18 x 15 inches

Drawn originally to abstract conceptualism, I design and produce works for interior settings as well as large-scale outdoor installations. My most recent work in the form of towers evokes the ideology associated with memorials and monuments.
Russell Simmons
Untitled
2018
acrylic and mixed media on canvas
48 x 48 inches
I am largely self-taught, and for many years I
regretted not having formal training. In retrospect,
however, I think that I gained a lot by trying one
thing after the other until I found what I liked.
To that end, I continue to try new and innovative
painting techniques that allow me to be the most
expressive person I can be.
I am a person who absolutely loves color and how
different shapes affect color and its perception.

Hillary Steel
Gatekeeper
2018
newspaper, cotton, and dye
45 x 48 x 2 inches
Material and process are what drive me to
create art. The slow labor of preparing and
dyeing materials, dressing looms, and weaving
affords me time to think and physically trans­
form a simple linear element into whole cloth.
I have inherited a wealth of knowledge about
textile processes from both known and unknown
artisans. I continually discover new ways to
think about my work and to address events that
relate to us all.
In the late 1990s and early 2000s, as scandals
at home, attacks on the United States, and war
on foreign soil dominated the news, I began a
series called Current Events. Articles of inter­
est are collected and cut into strips. Simple
looms are warped with cotton, and the paper
is handwoven into small units, which are then
sewn together. Over the years, I’ve continued to
create new works with current headlines and
newsworthy stories. Unfortunately, our national
anxiety has only increased since I made those
first woven paper textiles. Recent pieces
address national concerns that include home­
lessness, poverty, First Amendment rights,
immigration, and homegrown gun violence.
Linda Syverson-Guild
Controlling the Spiral
2018
Kona cotton and silk chiffon
55 x 37 x 8 inches

When a spiral is fractured, it appears to freeze in place. With the progression of light, play of color, and intrinsic movement, a calm arisen before your eyes. Observe and contemplate, the Spiral Controlled.

Michael Thompson
Night Swim
Peripeteia series
2018
archival digital print
30 x 45 inches

I’ve made a conscious decision in my photography to explore how viewers can decipher images in their own way. When imagining new photographic scenarios in this current body of work, weighing this decision is at the forefront of each choice I make with the image. I hope that the nuance is ambiguous enough to lead one viewer in one direction and the next in another. The photographs are taken in the evening using lighting techniques to give them a cinematic quality, which adds an extra layer of visual storytelling. The series is titled Peripeteia, an old dramatic term meaning “turning point” or “an unexpected reversal of fortune.” The figures in each narrative are faceless and in a scenario that could follow a number of directions.
Michael Thorpe
Clouds and Steam
2019
digital photograph
20 x 30 inches

I have always been fascinated by the world around me. I try to capture the scenes I see and artistically recreate them on film. My style is to focus on the land, creatures, and structures around me. I love to travel the world to visit distant places and capture what I see.

Photography is wonderful because it shows not only the intensity but the color of light. There is so much variation in light between noon one day and the next, between ten in the morning and two in the afternoon. A picture happens when something inside connects, an experience that changes as the photographer does.

Juliana Vallejo
La De Cuello Largo
2019
mixed media on canvas
64 x 30½ inches

I am a process-focused artist. I work primarily in painting and drawing. I express myself on large surfaces, with many works being life-size or larger. My approach is highly physical—I regularly move the works from the floor to the wall and back. The interaction between me, the medium, and the surface plays an essential role in my art making.

My approach to art is a constant self-exploration, a way of getting in touch with myself and digging into my subconscious mind, my buried thoughts and ideas. I aim to provide a path for viewers to connect with the work, themselves, and others.
The painting *Kerala Girl* is an image of a young girl from India wearing what may be her favorite dress. She is real, and with her portrait I hope to share something of what I sensed of her presence and essence.

Through my paintings, I craft stories based on experiences I’ve had with my family and friends. I’m attracted to the joy and excitement we share, both in celebratory moments and quiet ones. I enjoy painting from life, but most of my paintings start from photos and sketches. The filter of remembrance guides my colors and brushwork.
Carving articles of clothing using wood gives me an opportunity to be creative and to trick the viewer into believing that what is seen is an actual article of clothing rather than a carving. I enjoy watching viewers looking at my sculptures and seeing their reaction after they realize their error. Then I feel that the carving is a success.

Richard Weiblinger
Sunset 3448 Metal Glow
2019
archival digital print
22 x 28 inches

Through my photographs, I strive to reveal a passion for exploring our world. The process of photography allows me to transform everyday objects into art. I prefer subjects that lead to images with chromatic strength and use creative lighting not only to illuminate my subjects but also to give them a dream-like, surreal quality. My work consists of both broad themes and stand-alone individual pieces. I find myself drawn to subjects that allow me to produce works that include macro images focusing on the intimate elements of our world. Each person will view my images a little differently, and that is as it should be.
I believe that art making strongly draws creative energy from our unconscious processes. As we filter the world that we experience, residues are left in our minds that become the basis for our artistic expressions. For me, these residues involve my personal social, physical, and political environment.

As an abstract artist, my process always begins with uncertainty. Uncertainty is critical in order to remain open to multiple influences and serendipity during the creative process. Within this process, I am particularly concerned with color, texture, and the materiality of a piece. Almost all of my mixed-media work involves fabric or paper of one kind or another—and often other materials to provide texture, both beneath the painting surface and directly on it. I also enjoy the physical aspects of creating a painting by cutting and tearing and sanding, drawing and marking, and applying varied commercial and polymer resins as well as paint.

My dreamscapes are designed to evoke an enigmatic sense of wonder, a psychic narrative of the sublime journey through my imagination. Infused with elements of Neo Romanticism and magic realism, enchanted figures are found confronting mysterious space and timelessness as colorful positive expectation.
I see my work as creating spiritual landscapes, portals that can transport the viewer from ordinary to unusual realities. They serve as points of departure, doorways opening into the collective unconscious. The art presented is not the object being viewed but what the viewer experiences when viewing the object. When you think of a Himalayan singing bowl, you naturally recall the sound, not the bowl. The sound experienced transcends the form of the bowl itself. Like a Zen riddle, both paintings and sculptures are meant to constantly challenge the viewer and allow the unconscious to present new images and ideas. They become an unsolved puzzle.

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Since 1978, UMGC has proudly shown works from a large collection of international and Maryland artists at its headquarters in Adelphi, Maryland, a few miles from the nation’s capital. Through its Arts Program, the university provides a prestigious and wide-ranging forum for emerging and established artists and brings art to the community through special exhibitions and its own collections, which have grown to include more than 2,900 pieces of art.

Artworks are on display throughout the College Park Marriott Hotel & Conference Center and the Administration Building in Adelphi as well as at the UMGC Academic Center at Largo. The main, lower-level gallery in Adelphi is open to the public from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. seven days a week, and the Leroy Merritt Center for the Art of Joseph Sheppard is open to the public from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. seven days a week. More than 75,000 students, scholars, and visitors come to the Adelphi facilities each year. Exhibitions at the UMGC Academic Center at Largo are open to visitors from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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