MESA ARTS CENTER Mesa Contemporary Arts Museum

Installation view of Ron English's *Liberty Grin* from his exhibition *Living in Delusionville*, Sep 12, 2022 - Jan 22, 2023.







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UNSOLICITED ARTISTS GUIDELINES

Mesa Contemporary Arts Museum is currently not accepting any unsolicited proposals. Artists who DO NOT follow the guidelines outlined in the Prospectus or were not contacted directly by Mesa Contemporary Arts Museum staff about participating in an exhibition are considered unsolicited artists. Artists who apply for an opportunity and follow the guidelines outlined in the Prospectus ARE considered solicited. Materials from random proposals will be returned without comment.



Participates getting their draw on in *The Moleskine Project* exhibition during MCA Museum's **Drink + Draw** event, Oct 14, 2022.

ou are holding the 2023-2024 Season Prospectus from Mesa Contemporary Arts (MCA) Museum at Mesa Arts Center, the City of Mesa's visual art exhibition venue.

This five-gallery visual arts complex features changing exhibitions and works from our Permanent Collection of contemporary visual arts, both from emerging and internationally recognized artists. Extensive educational programs for children and adults are also offered, along with a wide variety of special events.

Through regional and national advertising, artists are invited to submit proposals for consideration by our curatorial staff and respected national jurors. Based on past experiences, exhibitions generally represent 45 - 75 artworks by 2 - 75 artists, but final determination is at the discretion of the individual jurors.

When you fill out the entry form, please remember to make a copy for your records. See page 4 of this booklet for general MCA Museum guidelines. And please let us know how you learned about MCA Museum!

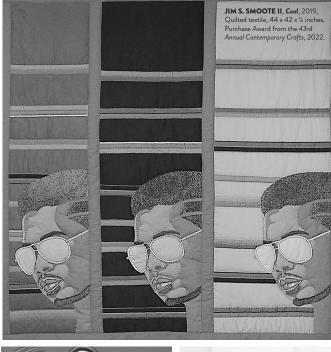
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Occasionally, artwork from exhibitions become part of the **PERMANENT COLLECTION**







SANDY BLAIN, *Mid-Day* #2, 2021, Earthenware, 11 ½ x 8½ x 5½ inches. Gift of the artist, 2022.

MESA CONTEMPORARY ARTS MUSEUM MISSION

Mesa Contemporary Arts Museum is a visual arts exhibition space committed to the presentation, interpretation, collection, documentation and preservation of contemporary visual arts with a special focus on traditional media. Dedicated to presenting exceptional regional, national and international exhibitions, Mesa Contemporary Arts Museum provides support and advancement to artists worldwide through solo, group and juried exhibitions while promoting educational opportunities within our community.

Mesa Arts Center provides all citizens the opportunity to experience and enjoy a wide variety of visual and performing arts programming, and is operated by the City of Mesa Arts and Culture Department. The City of Mesa does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, marital status, age, national origin, or disability. The artist agrees to maintain the sale price (if applicable) and entry for the duration of the exhibition. Submission of an entry constitutes an agreement by the artist to all the conditions outlined in this Prospectus and grants permission to MCA Museum to reproduce and distribute images through print and electronic media for publicity purposes. All entries must be of original design and personal execution. In order to be displayed, **all works must be received ready to install with the proper hanging device attached or enclosed and with installation instructions, if necessary.**

PROPOSAL IMAGES

 DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHS (ONLY): Do not send prints, slides or transparencies. A professional photographer is recommended for quality photos. All digital images MUST be JPEG, 300 dpi and sized approximately 5 x 6" (6" being the longest point). If you are using a MAC, make sure the images are formatted for PC usage (If we are unable to open the image files, the application will be rejected). Here is how your digital file should look after you save it with your last name and the title of your object.



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- LABELING YOUR FILE: Do not imbed the artist's Corollarius name or object title on the image itself. When you save the file, provide the following file name: your last name, title of object
- <u>SUBMITTING IMAGES</u> (DropBox, CDs or Thumb Drives): CDs and thumb drives will only be returned upon request and not returned if the proposal is accepted. Send DropBox files to <u>Mesacontemporaryarts@MesaAZ.gov</u>. <u>Make</u> sure you label your folder with the exhibition title or gallery you are applying for and include your name or the name associated with the proposal.
- FEE PAYMENT / SAE: Checks or money order (made out to <u>City of Mesa</u>) for fees MUST be mailed (We can not accept payment over the internet.). Enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope with your payment and a copy of your proposal. <u>Make sure the envelope is large enough to have materials</u> returned!
- * MCA Museum reserves the right to refuse any entry. <u>No substitutions</u> will be accepted for work that is selected and no longer available.

ARTWORK SHIPPING

Artists are responsible for incoming and return shipping costs as well as checking with the chosen carrier regarding insurance and correct packing procedures. <u>Work</u> <u>must be shipped in a substantial, reusable-shipping container that meets shipping</u> <u>standards</u>. **Please do not use styrofoam peanuts!** Artists will be notified if their work arrives damaged. MCA Museum will not be responsible for breakage due to incorrect packing or insufficient container when returning artwork as it was originally shipped. **MCA Museum will NOT pay for return shipping of artwork**. **Please include a prepaid label with your incoming package, if you use a standard shipping service**. All artwork must be shipped to:

Attn: [insert title of show] MCA Museum at Mesa Arts Center For US Postal Service ONLY: P.O. Box 1466 • Mesa, AZ 85211-1466 For UPS (or any other CARRIER): One East Main Street • Mesa, AZ 85201

SALES

A 25% commission will be retained by MCA Museum on all sales. Work will be sold at the listed price. All work must have a sale price that includes the 25% commission or, if not for sale, an insurance value must be indicated. Money received from any sales will be issued to the artist by the close of the exhibition.

LIABILITY

The City of Mesa will insure objects lent to it at the time of delivery for the value indicated on the entry form. The City of Mesa will insure against all risks of physical loss or damage from any external cause while on location during the period of loan. The usual exclusions will apply for loss or damage which occur by any event beyond the control of the City.



Installation view of MCA Museum's 44th Annual Contemporary Crafts exhibition, Feb - Apr 2023

TO THE ARTIST

This exhibition is Mesa Contemporary Arts Museum's juried exhibition to celebrate the 45th anniversary of this event. Highlighting the finest in contemporary crafts from around the country, our annual crafts exhibition has become a benchmark of innovation and quality produced within traditional craft forms such as ceramics, fibers, basketry, metals, wood, glass, jewelry, papermaking and book arts. A digital color brochure will be produced to accompany this exhibition.

ELIGIBILITY

Artists from around the country may submit a maximum of four works completed within the last five years and not exhibited in a previous MCA Museum exhibit. A maximum of 12 images may be submitted-four works plus two details per artwork.

JURORS: YUN GEE PARK & SCOTT DUERSTOCK

Yun Gee Park and Scott Duerstock are the owners of Yun Gee Park Gallery & Atelier, a Tucson gallery and gardens complex that exhibits international contemporary fine arts, art jewelry and high craft. Founded in 2015, the gallery is noted for representing established and upcoming artists, who push the boundaries of traditional artistic disciplines and exploring unconventional materials and forms. Park received her BFA from the Rhode Island School of Design and master's degree from Purdue University. Trained as a painter, Park is primarily active in exhibition curation and design as well as wearable sculpture design. Duerstock, who serves as the gallery's managing director, started his career in the fine arts and interior design industry in Chicago before completing graduate studies in cultural anthropology. A specialist in pearls, Duerstock is also a designer, renovator and accomplished metalworker.

AWARDS

\$2,000 is available to the juror to present for this MCA Museum exhibition. In addition, as the grand prize, the juror will select an artist who will receive a solo exhibition in the MCA Museum Project Room during the **46th ANNUAL CONTEMPORARY CRAFTS** exhibition in January 2025.

FEE

A non-refundable fee of \$25 for up to four artworks is required. Please make checks payable to <u>CITY OF MESA</u>. Payment of this fee does not guarantee that any/all artworks submitted for jurying will be included in this exhibition.

CALENDAR

Oct 13, 2023	All entry forms and images must be received by 5 pm
	(Arizona time), Friday, Oct 13, 2023.
Nov 24, 2023	Artists will be notified via mail by approximately
	Friday, Nov 24 of acceptance/non-acceptance.
	PLEASE DO NOT CALL OR EMAIL.
Jan 12, 2024	Accepted works <u>MUST</u> be received by MCA Museum
	by 5 pm, Friday, Jan 12 (includes both hand-delivered
	and shipped works).
Feb 9-Apr 21, 2024	Duration of exhibition.
Feb 9, 2024	Opening reception for artists and guests, 7-10pm.
May 10, 2024	All hand-delivered work must be picked-up by Friday,
	May 10. Work may be picked up during regular office
	hours: Tuesday through Friday, 10 am–5 pm. (Please
	call 480.644.6565 to schedule an appointment.) All
	other work will be shipped by Friday, May 17.

SEND ALL INFORMATION TO:

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45th ANNUAL CONTEMPORARY CRAFTS

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NORTH GALLERY



Artist Sebastiao Pereira providing a gallery talk about his exhibition (un)Familiar Faces: Phase II, Jan - Apr 2023. Sebastiao Pereira was a 2022 North Gallery proposal winne

n keeping with the Mission Statement of Mesa Contemporary Arts Museum, the North Gallery is a space dedicated to the exhibition of professional quality, contemporary artworks. The intent is to identify, recognize, and promote artists living in Arizona, with an emphasis on the Greater Phoenix/Mesa area, and/or artists who have strong ties to the State. In addition, this space is a venue where both artists and community members alike have the opportunity to view and learn about a wide variety of artists, media, culture, ethnic diversity and issues that impact the arts in Arizona and the community as a whole.

TO THE ARTIST

Opportunities may include juried exhibitions, or artist proposed, solo and group work. Selected artists will work closely with the Curatorial Staff on all aspects of the installation and exhibition. The Curatorial Staff have the right to combine artists as necessary to produce an exhibition, therefore, artists will be considered for both solo and group exhibitions curated from all materials supplied. Artists in Residence with the Mesa Arts Center's Art Studios program are encouraged to apply. In addition, we will curate exhibitions that emphasize artists/exhibitions and concepts in the community. Local art organizations may exhibit as a collective group. If accepted, the organization cannot exhibit more than once every two years and must reapply each time.

Selected artists are responsible for delivery of artwork and will have up to two weeks to install an exhibition under the direction of the Mesa Contemporary Arts Museum Preparator, while group and traveling shows will be exclusively installed by the Preparator.

Work must meet gallery standards, be professionally presented and ready to hang/ install when brought for installation. Artists and groups are responsible for securing the pick up of work on day of deinstallation. All selected artists/groups will receive a contract.

UNSOLICITED ARTISTS

Mesa Contemporary Arts Museum is currently not accepting proposals that do not meet the guidelines outlined in this Prospectus. Materials from random proposals will be returned without comment.

FLOOR PLAN

The North Gallery is 700 square feet, has 16 foot ceilings, sheetrock walls backed with ³/₄-inch plywood and bamboo floors. Visit our website at mesaartscenter.com/getinvolved (under "Artist Opportunities" tab) to download a plan of the space.

APPLICATION

Applications must be received by Friday, December 8, 2023. Artists will be notified by Friday, April 12, 2024. PLEASE DO NOT CALL OR EMAIL.

Please submit an application that must include the following:

- A one page cover letter stating the intent of your work and exhibition.
- A resume for each submitting artist showing at least three years of professional commitment with an emphasis on exhibition history and demonstrating that you are currently engaged in studio work.
- Up to 20 images for individual submission, five each per artist for group submission. Digital photographs ONLY (All digital images must be JPEG, 300dpi and sized approximately 5 x 6", 6" being the longest point). If you are using a MAC, please make sure the images are formatted for PC usage (If we are unable to open the image files, the application will be rejected).
- A list of the images that you have submitted. The identification list must include your name, address, phone number, number of image, title of artwork, medium, and dimensions in height x width x depth. (See SAMPLE below).
- A non-refundable fee of **\$25 per proposal** is required. Please make checks or money order out to CITY OF MESA.
- A large self-addressed, stamped envelope to assure notification and return of CD or thumb drive.

CALENDAR

Curatorial Staff will determine the exhibition calendar.

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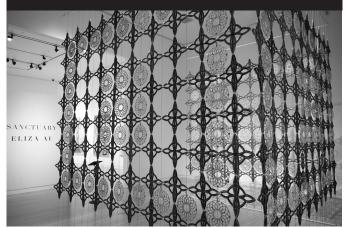
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DR. RUTH TAN LIM PROJECT ROOM



Installation view of Eliza Au's exhibition Sanctuary, May - Aug, 2022. Eliza Au was a 2020 Dr. Ruth Tan Lim Project Room proposal winner.

esa Contemporary Arts Museum is pleased to offer another opportunity for artists to utilize our experimental 525 square foot gallery for exhibitions of solo or collaborative work. In keeping with the mission statement of Mesa Contemporary Arts Museum, the Project Room is a space dedicated to the exhibition of professional quality, contemporary artworks. Preference will be given to artist's proposals that include the use of the space to create site-specific and/or exhibitions of new media (including film/video, sound, digital and/or web-based works) but does not prohibit work in traditional media.

TO THE ARTIST

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Work must meet gallery standards and be professionally presented. Artists and groups are responsible for securing the pick up of work on day of deinstallation. All selected artists/groups will receive a contract.

UNSOLICITED ARTISTS

Mesa Contemporary Arts Museum is currently not accepting any unsolicited proposals. If a proposal is submitted that does not follow the guidelines for either the Project Room or North Gallery the materials will be returned without comment.

FLOOR PLAN

The Project Room is 525 square feet, has 16 foot ceilings, sheetrock walls backed with ³/₄-inch plywood and bamboo floors. Additionally, this exhibition space is equipped with floor, wall and ceiling electrical outlets, as well as sound and data ports capable of supporting video, sound, digital, and web-based media. Visit our website at mesaartscenter.com/getinvolved (under "Artist Opportunities" tab) to download a plan of the space.

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- American Craft College/Gallery
- Social Networking Site Other

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

In keeping with a tradition established in 2010, Mesa Contemporary Arts Museum will produce its fifteenth annual limited edition calendar that will feature 12 original works on paper by emerging and established contemporary artists. Up to 48 artists will be invited and selected to produce a 50 print edition. Each print will randomly appear as a month in a calendar with no artist being repeated. The calendars will be sold for \$200 each and all proceeds will be used to fund MCA Museum programming and exhibitions.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATING ARTISTS

- If accepted, each artist is responsible for producing a 50 print edition (in color or black and white) in any fine art print medium. No reproductive prints of existing work will be accepted.
- Both traditional and digital techniques are allowed, as are variable editions, monoprints/monotypes and 19th century photographic techniques. Pure drawing and painting are unacceptable unless used in conjunction with the allowed mediums of intaglio, relief, screen, lithography, letterpress, inkjet, Van Dyke, cyanotype, gum dichromate, collotype, and photogravure.
- Straight digital prints are acceptable only if original image was digitally created, pure photography digitally printed will not be accepted.
- Paper size cannot exceed 12H x 10W inches and must be printed on acid free paper. Calendar orientation is vertical.
- In lieu of payment, each artist will receive two calendars (valued at \$200 each), which will contain 24 original works on paper each by a different artist.

JUROR: KIMIKO MIYOSHI

Kimiko Miyoshi's printmaking career began as a collaborative silkscreen printer in Japan, where she became involved in the reproduction of Ukiyo-E as a Kira printer. After receiving her MFA in Printmaking from the University of New Mexico, Miyoshi built scientific exhibitions for the Explora Science Center, a children's science museum in Albuquerque, NM. This job had a tremendous impact on her creative practice and observational habits. Miyoshi currently teaches printmaking at California State University, Long Beach, CA.

CALENDAR

Aug 4, 2023	All entry forms and images must be received by 5 pm,
	Arizona time, Fri, Aug 4, 2023.
Aug 11, 2023	Artists will be notified of acceptance/non-acceptance.
	PLEASE DO NOT CALL OR EMAIL.
Oct 20, 2023	Each artist is responsible for producing 50 prints, which
	must be received by 5 pm, Arizona time, Fri, Oct 20 .
Nov 2023	Calendars will be mailed to participating artists.
Dec 15, 2023 -	MCA Museum will host a retrospective exhibition,
Mar 17, 2024	displaying prints featured in every calendar from
	2020 to 2024 in the South Gallery.

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2023 Artists Included:

Donna Atwood Charles Barth Kimberley Boege Eric Boelts Jackson Boelts Brent Bond Gino Castellanos Ashley B. Cranney Corinne Geertsen Carol Hayman Samira Hemmat Katheryn Horne Peili Huang Marlys Kubicek Harold Lohner

Carol Luc David Manje Kathryn Maxwell Mark McDowell Kimiko Miyoshi Paulette Olive **Emily Ritter** Michael Scheef Erin Shaeffer Katherine Sheehan Janet Towbin Sarah Whorf Wendy Willis Jonathan R. Wright Melanie Yazzie

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2024 PRINT CALENDAR

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APPLICATION PROCESS

- Complete below application form.
- Up to 5 images (DropBox, CD or thumb drive) exemplifying your work along with a line drawing or digital mock-up of your proposed print.

ENTRY FEE: NONE

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

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** Send DropBox link to <u>Mesacontemporaryarts@MesaAZ.gov</u>. Make sure that your folder is titled 2024 Print Calendar and includes your name.

INFORMATION ABOUT PROPOSED PRINT

(If selected, this information will appear in the calendar.)

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ADMISSION: FREE

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Installation view of Lalo Cota's exhibition Laloland, Apr- Aug, 2022.

SAVE THE DATES!

Upcoming Opening Receptions (Fridays):

Sep 8, 2023 (6-10 pm) Feb 9, 2024 (7-10 pm) May 10, 2024 (7-10 pm)