

The Southern Ohio Museum

is pleased to invite area artists to participate in the summer exhibition entitled *Cream of the Crop 2026*. This is the twenty-first juried exhibition of works by artists living and working within an 85-mile radius of Portsmouth and an exciting showcase for the finest art in the region.

Cream of the Crop Purchase Award and Merit Award monies exceeded \$20,000 in 2024.

ELIGIBILITY

CREAM OF THE CROP is open to artists 18 years or older living within 85 miles of Portsmouth, Ohio. Artists may enter up to 2 pieces for jurying, provided the pieces have never been exhibited at the Southern Ohio Museum. Works must have been created within the last three years and must be for sale. *Museum staff are encouraged to enter but are ineligible for prize money.*

PROCEDURE

Entries may be delivered to the Museum from July 29 – August 5 during regular Museum hours. Each work submitted must be clearly marked with one of the identification labels provided herein.

Securely attach a completed identification label to the upper left corner on the back of all 2-dimensional works and to the underside of each 3-dimensional piece. 2-dimensional works not properly framed or wired for hanging risk automatic elimination.

ENTRY FEE

A non-refundable entry fee of \$25, to be paid at the time of delivery, entitles each artist to submit up to 2 entries. Entry fee may be paid in cash, check or charge. Museum members receive 10% off.

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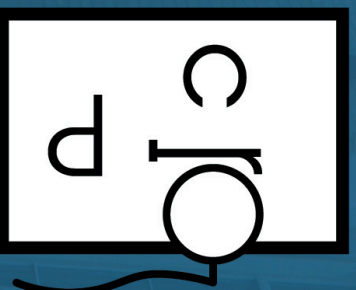
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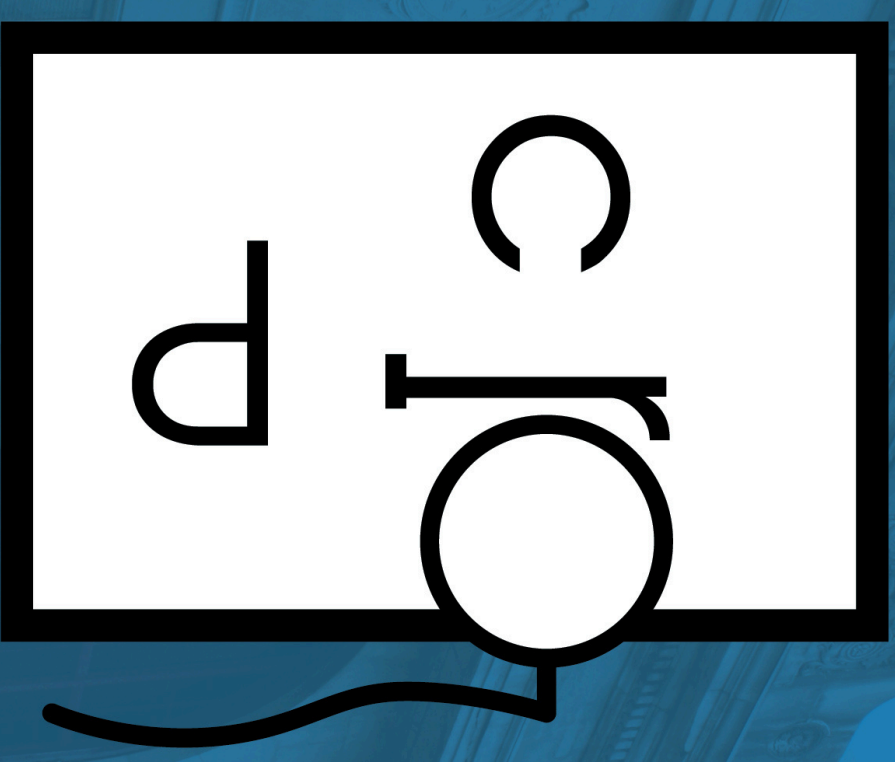


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PRIZES

First Place: \$1000
Second Place: \$750
Third Place: \$500
6 Honorable Mentions: \$100
Boneyfiddle Art Award: \$500
People's Choice: Peer Recognition and a Ribbon

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August 22 – October 10
2026

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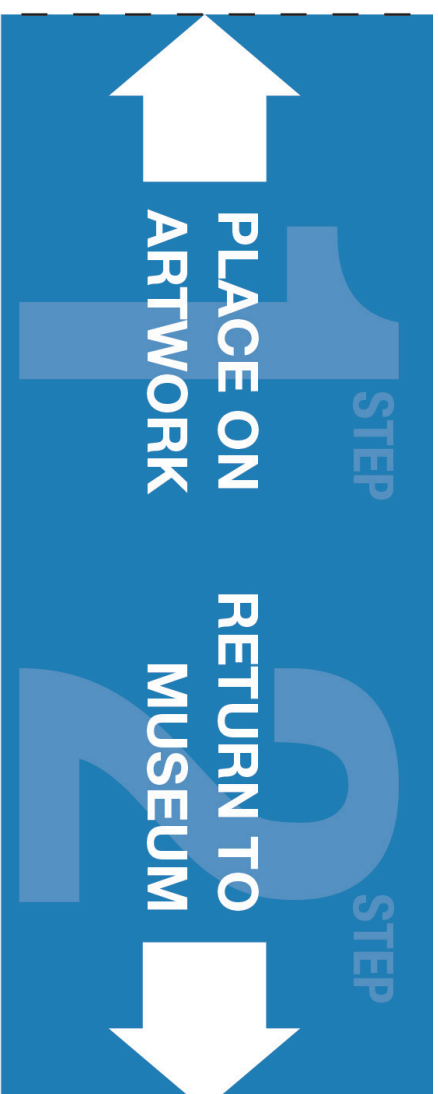
PROSPECTUS/ENTRY

IDENTIFICATION LABEL A

NAME _____
PHONE _____
EMAIL _____
TITLE _____
MEDIUM _____
YEAR _____
PRICE _____

IDENTIFICATION LABEL B

NAME _____
PHONE _____
EMAIL _____
TITLE _____
MEDIUM _____
YEAR _____
PRICE _____



SALES OF ARTWORK

All art must be for sale. All sales will be subject to a 20% commission of listed price.

LIABILITY

Southern Ohio Museum staff will exercise usual care in handling all entries. All artwork accepted for exhibition will be insured for the exhibition period. The museum will not be responsible for loss or damage occurring during transit.

PICK UP OF WORKS

All selected works must remain on view for the duration of the exhibit. Works not juried into the exhibition may be picked up by the opening reception, August 22. Works not selected for the exhibition will be eligible for sale and shown to purchase patrons. All works must be picked up by October 17, 2026. Any works left unclaimed beyond October 30, 2026 become property of the museum.

LOCATION

The Southern Ohio Museum is located at 825 Gallia Street, between Chillicothe Street and Gay Street, in downtown Portsmouth.

HOURS

10:00 am – 5:00 pm
Tuesdays – Fridays
1:00 – 5:00
Saturdays
Closed Sundays
and Mondays

IMPORTANT DATES

Delivery of Entries
July 29 – August 5, During museum hours
Closed for Jurying
August 6
Installation and Art Patron Sales
August 7 – 21
Cream of Crop Opening
Saturday, August 22, 6:00 pm
End of Cream of Crop
October 10
Pick up of all Artwork
October 11 – 17

JUROR

Craig McDaniel served as Founding Director of the Southern Ohio Museum with his wife, Jean Robertson. Craig, who holds degrees from University of Pennsylvania, Drexel University, Ohio State University, and University of Montana, is Professor Emeritus of Fine Art at Indiana University's Herron School of Art + Design.

Craig is a painter and the recipient of many grants, awards, and fellowships. He will be featured in a solo exhibition at the Southern Ohio Museum in December, 2027.



Please complete and submit this entire page with your entries.

ENTRY FORM

Name _____
Street _____
City _____
Telephone _____
Email _____

\$25 entry fee enclose: cash check payable to Southern Ohio Museum
 museum member

ENTRIES:

A. TITLE _____
MEDIA _____
PRICE \$ _____
B. TITLE _____
MEDIA _____
PRICE \$ _____