



Presents The 2017 Western Regional Juried Exhibition Of Traditional Oils

OPA's 2017 Western Regional Exhibition is being hosted by Illume Gallery of Fine Art, Authentique Gallery of Art & Design and The Mission Gallery, located in Saint George, Utah, November 10 through December 9, 2017. Known as Utah's "Dixie" the area offers a wide variety of things to do. You might visit Pioneer Park to view and hike the spectacular red, rock formations. The Rosenbruch Wildlife Museum presents nearly 300 species of animals, recreated in examples of their natural environments. And at the Saint George Dinosaur Discovery Site you can see 200-million year old dinosaur tracks, as well as fossils of dinosaurs, fish bones, marine animal shells and plant life. Sporting activities in the area include golf, fishing, hiking and hot air ballooning, to name just a few. Illume Gallery of Fine Art, Authentique Gallery of Art & Design and The Mission Gallery are hosting an opening reception on Friday, November 10, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. with the awards presentation at 8:00 p.m.

Our goal is to assemble the finest display of representational oil paintings. The focus in the jurying process will be to select paintings that show the highest quality in draftsmanship, color, and composition, emphasizing a diversity in representational style and subject matter.

The total awards will be approximately \$11,500, including a \$4,000 Best In Show.

The awarding juror will be an OPA Signature or Master Signature member.

Eligible states and provinces include: Alaska, Alberta, Arizona, British Columbia, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Kansas, Manitoba, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, Nevada, North Dakota, Northwest Territories, Nunavut, Oklahoma, Oregon, Saskatchewan, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington, Wyoming, Yukon Territories, and all of Mexico. Artists must be either 2017 OPA paid members or have submitted an application for membership for 2017 to be eligible to submit an entry in this exhibition. Artists whose residency is in question must provide OPA with documentation certifying legal residency. See Bylaws Article II L on-line for definition of residency requirements.

General Information

FINAL ACCEPTANCE: Online submissions: Friday, July 14, 2017

- Representational oil paintings of original concept and design only.
- Paintings entered must have been painted in the last 3 years and should not have been accepted into a previous OPA Regional, Salon or National Exhibition.
- Canvas size: not to exceed 1,200 square inches. Example: 30" (height) X 40" (width) = 1,200 square inches.
- Painting must be framed and wired for hanging.
- Gallery wrap is acceptable, providing the painting extends and covers all four sides of the gallery wrap. Color borders are not acceptable. Painted frames are not acceptable.
- Maximum entries two (2). However, only one (1) painting can be accepted.
- The artist retains copyright to his/her image(s). However, accepted images do become part of OPA archives and may be used for future OPA event promotion.
- Paintings created in an instructional setting, including, but not limited to workshops and art classes are not considered original artwork.
- All work must be for sale and reflect the artist's current pricing structure. No NFS.
- Pre-sales permitted through Illume Gallery of Fine Art at the contracted commission rate of 60%/40%.
- Artists must be currently living in the United States, Canada or Mexico.
- An artist who withdraws an entry after acceptance into the exhibition shall not be eligible to enter any OPA exhibition for the two succeeding years.

Entry Information

On-line Submissions — Deadline: Friday, July 14, 2017

Electronic applications will be accepted beginning Monday, May 1, 2017 through Friday, July 14, 2017. Images should be between 1400 and 4000 pixels at the largest dimension. Specific details on how to prepare your image properly can be found at <http://www.juriedartservices.com>. Click on the "Help" tab.

To submit your electronic application, please go directly to: <http://www.juriedartservices.com> and look for OPA's 2017 Western Regional Exhibition.

Jurying Fees

The jurying fee for electronic entries is as follows: one painting is \$30.00 or \$45.00 for two paintings. Only one painting can be accepted. Electronic payment may be made by credit card or through PayPal. No e-checks will be accepted. Jurying fees for on-line submissions may also be paid by check mailed to OPA if received by Friday, July 14, 2017.

Membership

You must be a paid member through December 31, 2017 at a cost of \$70.00. If you are currently not a member or have not paid your 2017 membership dues, OPA will accept your entry provided that 1) an electronic membership fee is paid by Friday, July 14 or 2) a mailed membership application and your annual dues are post-marked no later than Friday, June 30, 2017. More membership information may be found on the OPA website, <http://www.oilpaintersofamerica.com>, under the Member Services tab.

Sales Commission

Sales commission of 40% is required by the gallery for all paintings sold. Please take this into consideration when setting your price. All work that is submitted must be for sale. No NFS. Paintings must be priced in accordance with the artist's current pricing structure. Pre-sales permitted. Pre-sales must go through Illume Gallery of Fine Art at the contracted commission rate of 60%/40% split.

Delivery and Return of Accepted Work

Delivery for Local Artists: Deliver uncrated paintings to Illume Gallery of Fine Art between October 23 and October 27. Hand delivered work must be picked up between December 11 and December 16, 2017.

Out of Town Artists: ship to Illume Gallery of Fine Art, 29 West 200 North, Saint George, UT 84770 to arrive between October 23 and October 27, 2017.

Handling Fee: Out of Town artists must include a \$25 check payable to Illume Gallery of Fine Art to cover the expense of uncrating, storage of crates, re-crating and contacting your shipper for return. In a separate envelope include the appropriate return shipping label with your personal Fed Ex or UPS Account Information. Shipments from OUTSIDE the US must be shipped "FREE DOMICILE" or will not be accepted. OPA will waive the uncrating fee for artists who use a commercially manufactured artist's/strong box such as a StrongBox™ by Airfoat Systems, or similar brand, like Masterpak or Uline. StrongBoxes will be returned to the artists at the conclusion of the show at the artist's expense. Artists who do not use one of these special boxes are still required to send the \$25 uncrating fee.

Notification of Results: Participants should check the OPA website after August 9, for the juror's selections.

Calendar Checklist

July 14

Deadline for on-line entries.

August 10

Notification posted on the OPA website.

October 23 - 27

Out of Town Artists: artwork to arrive at Illume Gallery of Fine Art.

October 23 - 27

Local Artists: deliver artwork to Illume Gallery of Fine Art during normal gallery hours.

November 10

Opening Reception: for collectors, press, exhibiting artists and the public, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Awards Ceremony at 8:00 p.m.

November 10 through December 9

Length of time show will be open for viewing. See below for gallery hours.

December 11 through 16

Local Artists: remove paintings during this period or a storage fee will be charged. Thank you for your cooperation.

Gallery Hours

Monday - Saturday
10:00 a.m.– 6:00 p.m.

Sunday
Closed

Liabilities and Responsibilities

Oil Painters of America and Illume Gallery of Fine Art, Authentique Gallery of Art & Design and The Mission Gallery will not be responsible for loss or damage of any artwork, no matter what the cause. By submitting artwork to this exhibition, each artist will be deemed to have concurred with this agreement. Artists pay for shipping both ways. We suggest that you provide insurance to cover the full value of the artwork while in transit.

The Jurying Committee will consist of five Master Signature or Signature members of OPA. The results of the jurying will be final. No refunds will be made on unaccepted entries.

Good Luck and Good Painting