

mfa Small Wonders 2021

The best things come in small frames

It's the little things in life, and the details in this show really matter! Any original 2D work 11" x 11" and under and 3D work 11" x 11" x 11" and under (as presented, including the frame) in any media will be considered. Maryland Federation of Art (MFA) invites all artists residing in the United States, DC, Puerto Rico, Canada, and Mexico to enter our 19th annual Small Wonders exhibition. The selected works will be on display at MFA's Circle Gallery from December 2 – 23, 2021.



Erin Lyng, *Mini Noodle Bowl*, clay from Small Wonders 2021

JUROR Amanda Burnham

Amanda Burnham is interested in cities, systems, and the dark humor to be found in modern life; she makes drawings, artist books, and large site specific installations. The latter works are usually composed of hundreds of quick, gestural, acrylic paint sketches made with a fat brush that are then cut and collaged onto both built armatures and the existing surfaces of a space; these are sometimes further animated with embedded lighting. The effect is somewhere between a comic book and a stage set.

Burnham's work has been exhibited widely throughout the US. Among numerous honors, she is a three time recipient of Individual Artist Awards from the Maryland State Art Council, and a Rubys Grant recipient. Selected residencies include the Embassy of Foreign Artists (Switzerland), the Swatch Art Peace Hotel (China), and Paper Machine (New Orleans, LA). Her artist book "Quorum Call" was published by Antenna in 2018; a self published artist book, "Rage Faces", is part of the permanent collections of the National Museum of Women in the Arts and the New York Public Library. Burnham holds a Bachelor of Arts in Visual and Environmental Studies from Harvard University and a Master of Fine Arts in Painting and Printmaking from the Yale University School of Art.

ENTRY TERMS

- Entry is open to artists from the United States, DC, Puerto Rico, Canada and Mexico.
- Entering this exhibition indicates understanding and agreement on the part of the artist with the conditions stated here and at mdfedart.com/mfa-general-guidelines.
- Work must meet delivery and exhibition guidelines to be included in the event. MFA may determine work ineligible if entry guidelines are not followed.
- Images of accepted works may be used at the sole discretion of MFA for promotional purposes including, but not limited to: the invitation, catalog, website, social media, or a subsequent year's prospectus. Images will include attribution wherever possible.
- Artists will retain 70% from sales (75% for MFA Members).
- Work cannot be withdrawn before the end of the event.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- All work must be entered by uploading JPEG images through MFA's online entry system. Set pixel dimension to around 3,000 pixels on the longest side. File size may be no more than 5 MB. Images for the juror must correspond with the actual work.
- All entries must be original and completed solely by the artist's hand. A maximum of 6 original works created within the past 3 years may be entered.
- Work must be for sale. Work can be set to Price on Request (POR).
- Maximum size of work, including edges of artwork or frame, cannot exceed 11" in any direction. No exceptions.

ENTRY FEES

- 1 or 2 entries \$40 (MFA Members \$25). Additional 4 entries \$5 each. Entry fees are non-refundable.

NOTIFICATION

- All artists will receive notification by email. Accepted artists and artwork will also be posted on MFA's website.
- The notice to accepted artists will include specific details and may vary from prospectus.

LIABILITY

- Artwork will be handled with all possible care. MFA will not be responsible or liable for loss or damage from any cause whatsoever. Insurance, if desired, must be carried by the artist.

AWARD

- Cash awards total \$1,000.

SCHEDULE

Aug 2	Online Entry Opens for Submissions
Oct 7	Entry Deadline
Nov 2	Notification
Nov 23 – 28	Accepted and Shipped Work Must Arrive at MFA Circle Gallery
Dec 2	Exhibition Opens
Dec 5	Virtual Awards Presentation @ 4 PM
Dec 9	Reception
Dec 27	Exhibition Closes
Dec 27 – 30	Pick Up Hand-Delivered Work 11 AM – 4 PM
Dec 29	Shipped Work Will Be Sent

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