

# mfa Strokes of Genius 2023



*Blinds*, oil on panel, Mike McSorley,  
from Strokes of Genius 2022

A painter creates with head, heart, and hand. The sweep and flow of the brush in that hand conveys all that is in the head and heart of the artist and physical power and emotional tenderness are transmitted to paper and canvas. The brushstroke becomes the artist's voice and communicates with the viewer throughout time. Maryland Federation of Art (MFA) invites all artists residing in any of the states or territories of the US, Canada, and Mexico to enter our 12th annual all-painting competition, Strokes of Genius. All original 2D work created through any painting media (oil, pastel, acrylic, watercolor, encaustic, etc.) and following entry guidelines will be considered. Works selected by the juror will be exhibited in MFA's Circle Gallery from October 25 – November 25, 2023. Exhibition Chair: Nichole Leavy.

## JUROR INFORMATION

Mark Karnes received his MFA in painting from Yale University in 1972 and his BFA in painting from Philadelphia College of Art. He has received grants from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Maryland State Arts Council as well as a Fulbright-Hayes grant for study in Florence, Italy. His work has been widely exhibited both nationally and internationally and can be found in numerous private and museum collections, including the permanent collection of the National Gallery of Art, Washington D.C. Karnes lives in Baltimore, MD, where he has taught drawing and painting at Maryland Institute College of Art since 1974. See his work and learn more at [markekarnes.com](http://markekarnes.com).

## TERMS OF ENTRY

- Entry is open to artists residing in any of the states or territories of the US, Canada, and Mexico.
- Entering this exhibition indicates understanding and agreement on the part of the artist with the conditions stated herein and with (a) [MFA's approved Statement of Equity and Diversity](#) and (b) [MFA's General Guidelines](#). Work must meet exhibition guidelines to be included in the event. MFA may determine work ineligible if entry guidelines are not followed. Work delivered must correspond with the image(s) submitted to the juror.
- 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.
- Work cannot be withdrawn before the end of the event.
- Artists will retain 70% from sales (75% for MFA Members). MFA will retain 30% commission (25% for MFA Members at the time of the sale) on any work sold through MFA.
- Work must be for sale. Work can be set to Price on Request (POR).

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- All work must be entered by uploading JPEG images through MFA's online entry system. Set pixel dimension to between 1,500 and 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. MFA does not display watermarks; artists display at their own risk. Visit [mdfedart.com/portfolio/306/](http://mdfedart.com/portfolio/306/) to submit your 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 previously exhibited at MFA Circle Gallery is not eligible for re-entry.
- Maximum size of work, including edges of artwork or frame, cannot exceed 72" in any direction. Artists may be asked to assist with the installation of oversized work (greater than 60" or over 40 lbs).

## ENTRY FEE

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

## 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.

## NOTIFICATION

- All artists will receive notification by email. Accepted artists and artwork will also be posted on MFA's website.
- **Artists who have unsubscribed from MFA emails will not receive notification.**
- The notice to accepted artists will include specific details and may vary from prospectus. See website for more details.

## AWARDS

- Cash awards total \$1,000.
- An additional \$60 award for MFA's 60th Anniversary will be presented to a Member of MFA.

## SCHEDULE

<b>Jul 5</b>	Online Entry Opens for Submissions
<b>Aug 16</b>	Entry Deadline
<b>Sept 13</b>	Notification @ 5 PM
<b>Oct 18 – 21</b>	Accepted and Shipped Work Must Arrive at MFA Circle Gallery 11 AM – 4 PM
<b>Oct 25</b>	Exhibition Opens
<b>Oct 29</b>	Virtual Awards Ceremony from 4 – 5 PM
<b>TBA</b>	In-Person Reception at MFA Circle Gallery
<b>Nov 25</b>	Last Day of Exhibition
<b>Nov 26 – 27</b>	Pick Up Hand-Delivered Work from 11 AM – 4 PM
<b>Nov 29</b>	Shipped Work Will Be Sent

## MFA Circle Gallery Celebrating 60 Years

18 State Circle, Annapolis, MD | Open daily from 11 AM – 5 PM  
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Circle Gallery is accessible to people with mobility disabilities

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