Strokes of Genius 2027

A painter creates with head, heart, and hand. Through the sweep and cadence of brush or knife, the hand gives form to everything held within the artist's mind and heart. Physical strength and emotional tenderness, intensity and subtlety, are translated into marks upon paper and canvas, transforming gesture into expression. The brushstroke becomes the artist's voice—a language without words that carries thought, feeling, and presence across time, inviting each viewer into a conversation that continues long after the paint has dried.

Maryland Federation of Art (MFA) is excited to resurrect this exhibition and invites all artists residing in any of the states or territories of the US, Canada, and Mexico to enter this 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. MFA exhibitions are blind juried by professional and credentialed art experts. Work selected by the juror will be exhibited in MFA's Circle Gallery from March 3 – 27, 2027.

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 Equality 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 images 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- Work cannot be withdrawn before the end of the event.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 on any work sold through MFA (25% for MFA Members at the time of the sale).
- Work must be for sale. Work can be set to Price on Request (POR).
- Non-member entrants who have a discrepancy between the entry fee paid and their membership status must pay the difference before the entry deadline date or their work will not be shown to the juror.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- All work must be uploaded through artcall.org. File size may be no more than 10 MB. Images for the juror must correspond with the actual work. MFA does not display watermarks; artists display at their own risk.
- 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 $45 (MFA Members $30). Up to 4 additional entries $6.75 each (MFA Members $4.50). 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.

AWARD

- Cash awards presented by the juror total $1000.

SCHEDULE

Nov 3	Online Entry Opens for Submissions
Jan 6	Entry Deadline
Feb 4	Notification @ 5 PM
Feb 24 – 28	Accepted and Shipped Work Must Arrive at MFA Circle Gallery 11 AM – 4 PM
Mar 3	Exhibition Opens
Mar 3	Virtual Awards Ceremony @ 5:30 PM
Mar 27	Last Day of Exhibition; In-Person Reception at MFA Circle Gallery 4 – 6 PM
Mar 28 – 31	Pick Up Hand-Delivered Work 11 AM – 4 PM
Apr 1	Shipped Work Will Be Sent