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80th ANNUAL MAY SHOW



FRED "FRITZ" CULLER AWARD FOR BEST OF SHOW

The 80th Annual May Show, one of Ohio's longest-running regional juried exhibitions, marked a milestone year! Juror Mary Urbas selected work that balanced emotion and technique, showcasing top talent from across the state. From over 600 submissions, Mary had the difficult task of selecting around 150 works that she felt best reflected the vibrant mix of creative voices from across Ohio. Mary's thoughtful selections reinforced the show's relevance and vitality after eight decades.

The Opening Reception included juror remarks and awards, recognizing both emerging and established artists. It was a packed house, drawing hundreds of attendees, including first-time visitors who were eager to see friends, family, or neighbors represented in the prestigious exhibition and discover new work from beloved artists. Thank you to all who participated and made the 80th Annual May Show a great success!

Fred "Fritz" Culler Award for Best of Show- Joe Dulin-Didonato, 'St. Jude'

Mechanics Bank Award of Excellence- Scott Marion, 'Synesthesia'

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Sid Yellen Award for Photography- Sean Mabin, 'Sabina'

The Prints and The Pulper™ Handmade Paper / Print- Rachel Mentzer, 'Pylon Birds'

Margaret Twitchell Swank Award for Painting- Samantha Schneider, 'A Good Ole Midwest Abduction'

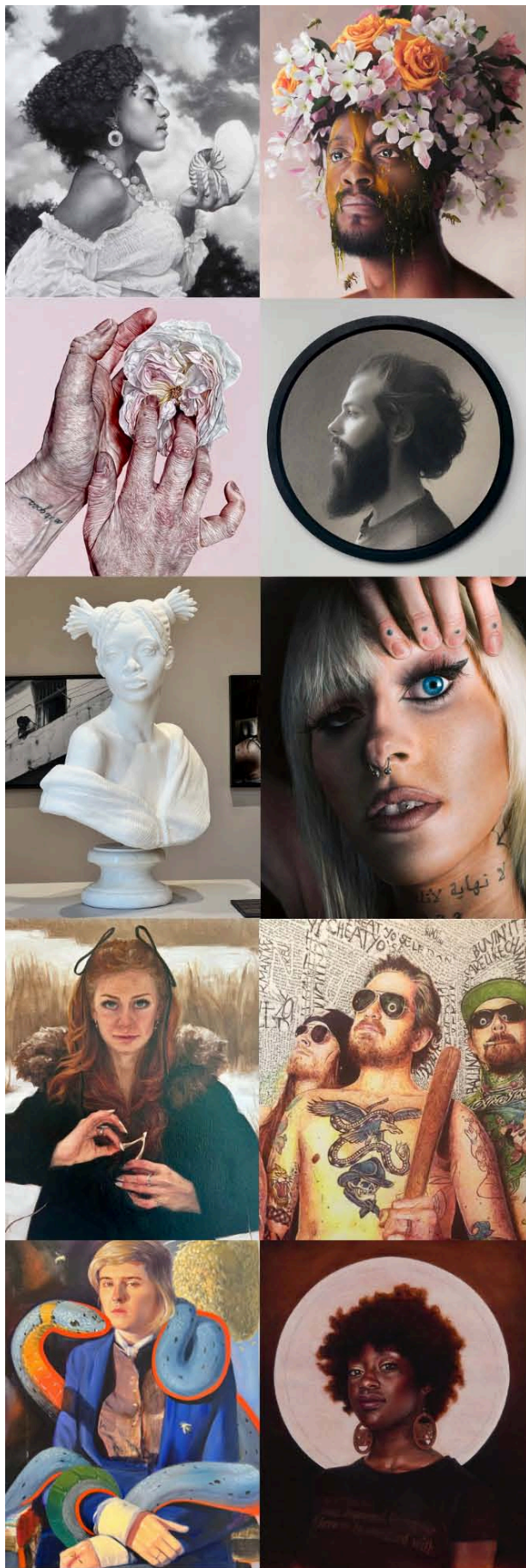
Whitten Studios Award for Ceramics- Sandra Aska, 'I'M FINE!'

Jeff McBride & Maura Teynor- Emerging Artist- Sammy Hite, 'The Turning Point'

Susan B. Smith Award for Fiber- Judi Krew, 'Bi-polar Pair of Pants paired with a Bi-polar Bra'

Thomas Gene Zaugg Award for Watercolor- Robin Roberts, 'Blending In'

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THE COLLECTIVE

Miriam Baranov, Leigh Brooklyn, Mark Bush, Nora Daniel, Grant Gilsdorf, Hiroshi Hayakawa, Amanda Elizabeth Joseph, Megan McGinnis, Douglas Norman, Jimbo Tamoro, Shannon Vaught, Mary Jane Ward, Luka Weinberger, Lydia Wicks, Sam Worley

The Collective: Classical Portraiture For A New Era celebrated the work of The Ohio Representational Artist Collective who have dedicated their practice to preserving traditional realism in portraiture. This fresh look on a classical style brought together old world masterful realism and contemporary influences to provide an exhibition that truly reflects the world we live in today.

The artists presented a wide range of subjects and ideas, relevant to this moment, but also timeless. Using everything from Bic Pens, to oil paint, to hydrocal casting, they captured the spirit of a new generation of portraiture. The MAC was proud to feature this dynamic collection, and collaborate with The Ohio Representational Artist Collective to share the meaning and details of their work.

Mixed throughout the show were explanations of the symbolism, and historical relevance of portraiture. Visitors engaged with a Salon Wall, inspired by 16th century galleries, and various 'Vanitas' including an edible still-life for the Opening Reception. Another highlight from the Opening was the interaction of artists and the models who inspired the pieces in the show.

While classical portraits often reinforce hierarchy, contemporary self-presentation can be an act of reclamation, authorship, or quiet revolution. Throughout art history, portraits were reserved for wealthy aristocrats, and sculptures set legacies in stone. Over the last few decades, there has been a great shift in portraiture, preserving the images of everyday people and their stories, creating their likenesses with the same reverence and intent as the nobility of the past. This modern revival has brought forth powerful art that features new subject matter and identities, representing the breadth and depth of humanity.

The Collective was a highlight of our exhibition series for 2025, and a fantastic look at the revitalization of a long revered art form.

CROWFEST 2025

What began as a fun two-week pop-up show in the hearts and minds of The MAC team, has become a fall phenomenon that explores and celebrates the intelligence, symbolism, myth, and personality of one of nature's most misunderstood and iconic birds.

CrowFest invites artists of all mediums to create work dedicated to the heralded migration of thousands of Crows to The MAC forest and throughout Mansfield.

Join us as we unveil artwork and unusual creations featuring inspiration drawn from or depicting Crows. This fabulous show is juried by Cleveland creative Roger Miller, a supporter of CrowFest since its first year in 2022. Awards and Recognition will be held during the **Opening Celebration on Saturday, September 20th**. Food trucks, The Phoenix Brewery, and limited edition CrowFest t-shirts designed by artist Evelia Sowash will be a part of the fun. Don't miss the Glass Pumpkin Patch sale and the opportunity to pick the perfect pumpkin, and **shop beautiful fall items in the Gallery Shop**.



The MAC Masquerade will be returning this year, offering a decadent evening of light refreshments, drinks, and a mix of classical/pop string arrangements by City Six Strings Quartet. Celebrate Halloween night in the beautiful MAC Galleries among Crow Art and costumed elegance. The Renaissance Theater will be joining us for a special performance of a scene from their fall production of Dracula. Also new this year will be the **Pour-One-Nine Beerfest**, bringing craft beer from area breweries to The Mansfield Art Center. Hand-blown pint glasses created in the MAC hotshop will be available during this event.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE FANTASTIC FALL EVENTS



SAT Sept 20: CrowFest Opening Reception: Art Opening & Awards, Food Trucks, Phoenix Brewery, GLASS PUMPKIN PATCH and more!

SAT Sept 27: Pour-One-Nine (419) Beerfest:
visit pourenenine.com for tickets & info

FRI Oct 31: MAC Masquerade:
visit mansfieldartcenter.org for tickets & info

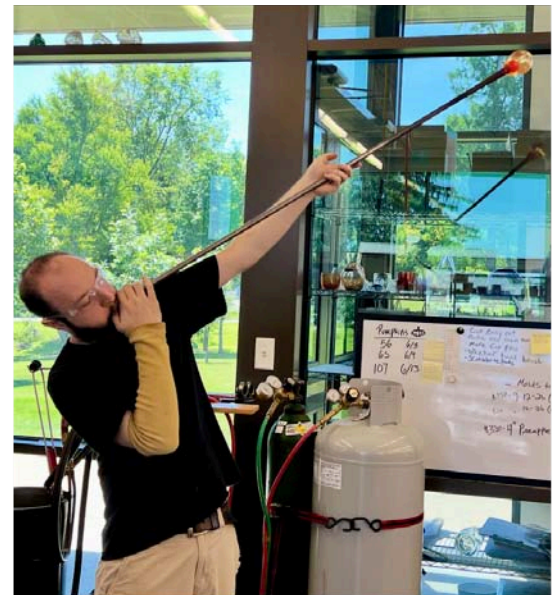


FIND A FALL CLASS!

Fall in love with our new selection of classes! It's pumpkin season, and the perfect time to create your own glass blown pumpkin in the MAC hot shop. Glassblower Neal Richmond will be offering a variety of fall themed glassblowing classes, ready to get you hands on with your own glassblowing experience.

PUMPKINS & PINTS? Choose from a weekend workshop for pumpkins in all shapes and sizes, and our NEW pint glass sessions just in time for Oktoberfest! Neal will also be stocking the Gallery Shop with a wide variety of gorgeous glass, ready for you to stop by and pick the perfect pumpkin for your fall decor.

As the seasons change and all things become cozy, it's a wonderful opportunity to settle in and learn a new creative skill. Classes at The MAC are welcoming to all, whether you are a beginner or looking to develop further in an area that you find interesting. Our talented team of instructors will help you develop your talent, and ensure that you have a wonderful experience.



VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR A FULL LIST OF NEW CLASSES!

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- Stained Glass
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- Watercolors
- Fiber Art
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TODAY & TOMORROW



DIRECTOR'S NOTES: SUPPORT THE ARTS

Today, the arts are facing significant challenges on a national level. Broad-sweeping funding cuts have deeply impacted arts organizations across the country, creating a need for new strategic planning to ensure both immediate and long-term sustainability. Rising to the occasion together while building stronger relationships with our local nonprofit partners is a call to action. The MAC is not impervious to the ripple effects of these changes. Working together with our Board of Directors, we are actively navigating these headwinds. We are grateful for the continued and renewed support of the Ohio Arts Council and local agencies that champion the transformative power of the arts in our community. These partnerships are more invaluable than ever, along with your individual contributions.

In July, the MAC began implementing a small admission fee for exhibitions to increase operating funds. We strive to keep the arts accessible to all by offering the lowest admission cost in our area. To align with our mission, we provide free admission for students 17 and under, and offer one free public admission day each month. MAC Members receive free general admission to all exhibitions.

We introduced a new Membership structure with the goal of making the arts more accessible to our community while building on The MAC's 80-year legacy of community support. Becoming a member not only shows your advocacy for the arts, it also provides access to over 1,300 cultural institutions across the country through our partnership with the North American Reciprocal Museum Program. Always explore the advantages and discounts offered through membership, and consider renewing or joining for the first time.

Thank you for your understanding and unwavering support building a strong cultural hub for the visual arts in central Ohio. The dedicated staff look forward to seeing you this fall at one of the fantastic art classes or workshops in the Education Wing, at CrowFest, and during Holiday Fair. The Gallery Shop remains free and open to all for daily artful shopping.

Please feel free to reach out to me or any member of the MAC team with questions or to discuss more ways to support The Mansfield Art Center.

-George Whitten, Executive Director

SPARK THE ARTS

THROUGH MAC MEMBERSHIP & GIVING

When you support The MAC, you contribute to our ongoing mission of bringing Art to everyone in our community. Through your generous support, we can remain low cost, provide field trips and art experiences to local schools, teach a variety of classes in every medium, and participate in art outreach.

Ensure that The MAC continues to grow and develop as a cultural center for Art that creates a lasting impact by showing your support!



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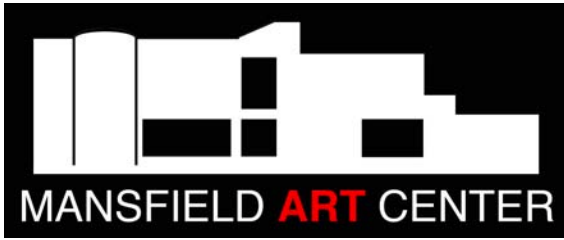


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