



# Strokes of Genius

## A Fine Art Painting Exhibition

The Maryland Federation of Art (MFA) invites all artists residing in the United States and Canada to enter its all-painting competition. Any original work created through the painting media (inc. oil, pastel, acrylic, watercolor, encaustic, etc.) and following entry guidelines, will be considered. The works selected will be on exhibit in MFA's Circle Gallery, 18 State Circle, Annapolis, Maryland from July 14 through August 7, 2011. Exhibition co-chairs: David Diaz and Eric Zacharias.

Daniel Shay, *Quiet Laotian*, oil on bamboo, 30x28x4.

### JUROR:

Daniel Shay, Art Service Manager for the National Gallery of Art, supervises the hanging crews that install paintings in Washington D.C.'s great museum. He tells us: I learned how to see in Vietnam and I learned what to see at the National Gallery of Art. On his many business trips for over 20 years he has been able to sketch and study in detail many great collections of the world at museums such as the Prado, Hermitage, Cairo Museum and down in the excavated pits of the terra cotta warriors in Xian. A modern variation of the venerable guild system has been his experience at the National Gallery of Art. The medium of his work is oil on bamboo and the essential content is the hill people of Southeast Asia. It has been said that where you lose your innocence there your heart remains. Select exhibition sites of his work include Asian Fusion Gallery, NYC, University of the Arts, Philadelphia and the Russian Cultural Center and Wohlfarth Galleries in D.C. He brings a broad and varied expertise to artists entering Strokes of Genius.

### ENTRY

*Strokes of Genius* may be entered with .jpeg images through either an **ON-LINE ENTRY PROGRAM** or by **MAIL-IN ENTRY FORM WITH CD**. *Not in combination.*

• **Selection:** 1. Selections for exhibition are made by the juror from JPEG images. 2. Final acceptance is made by juror from delivered work. 3. Awards are designated by the juror.

• **Entries:** All work must be original, signed by the artist on front or back of artwork, and priced for sale or marked POR (price on request). Works previously exhibited in a juried show at Circle Gallery are not eligible.

• **Entry Fees for both Online and Mail-in Options:**

A maximum of 6 original works created within the past 3 years may be entered. 1 or 2 entries \$35 (MFA members \$20). Additional four entries \$5 each. Entry fees are non-refundable.

**1. Online Entry Only:**

• Go to [www.mdfedart.org](http://www.mdfedart.org) and select *On-line Entry Options* to submit entry and payment.

**2. Mail-in Entry Only:**

• *Detailed guidance can be downloaded from <[www.mdfedart.org/pdf/Digital\\_Image\\_Guide.pdf](http://www.mdfedart.org/pdf/Digital_Image_Guide.pdf)>*

• Submit one JPEG image per piece entered. The longest pixel dimension of the image should be about 2000 pixels. Save the JPEG as Base-line Standard (not Progressive) in RGB color, preferably sRGB. The file must be under 2.0 MB

• JPEG file names **must** start with the artist's last name, then first name, then entry number in that order. The last name should include any space, hyphen or apostrophe **normally** used. Do not use a space after the last name, first name or entry number. The title may be added but the file name may not exceed 25 characters. Do not use #, \$, %, & or other similar characters. Only one period may be used (e.g. **O'ReillyMary1redrose.jpg**).

• Load all images onto one CD that is marked with the artist's name using a black permanent marker—*no stick-on labels*.

• Test your CD to be certain it is readable.

### AWARDS

Cash awards total \$1500 inclusive of a \$500 Caruso Painting Award designated for painting by an MFA member. Contributors and recipients will be listed in the exhibition catalog.

### NOTIFICATION

Artist notification is sent by email with delivery instructions included for exhibiting artists. Please set your spam filter to recognize this email notification, and/or contact MFA if you have not received notice.

### EXHIBITION AND DELIVERY

• Images of accepted works may be used at the sole discretion of MFA for promotional purposes including but not limited to the invitation, catalog, web site, or on subsequent years' prospectus. Image will include attribution wherever possible.

• No clip frames, taped edges or non-professional hanging systems. Presentation must be appropriate for a gallery setting. Artwork must be equipped for installation. Attach a label with name, title, medium & price.

• All 2-D work on paper must use Plexiglas when shipping and on hand-delivered work over 24"x30" (smaller hand-delivered pieces may have glass).

• Maximum dimensions of any finished entry cannot exceed 72" in any one direction. No exceptions.

• All accepted work must arrive on or before delivery deadline.

• The MFA will retain 30% from sales.

• Work cannot be withdrawn before end of exhibit.

• A \$10 fine is imposed for late pick up. Work not retrieved within two weeks of pick-up dates will become the property of the MFA.

### LIABILITY

Artwork and entry materials will be handled with all possible care. The MFA will not be responsible or liable for loss or damage from any cause whatsoever. Entering this exhibition shall constitute understanding and agreement on the part of the artist with the conditions stated. Insurance, if desired, must be carried by the artist.

### CHECK LIST FOR MAIL-IN ENTRIES ONLY

- CD correctly identified and tested for readability. CDs are not returned
- Complete entry form and enclose it with check and CD.
- Send entry materials to MFA Strokes of Genius, P.O. Box 1866, Annapolis MD, 21404.

### SCHEDULE

**May 4** **Deadline for online or CD entry submission**

**By June 10** **Notifications sent by email**

July 5 - 10 Accepted work must arrive. Circle Gallery, 18 State Circle, Annapolis MD, 21401. 11-5, Hand delivery. Closed Mon.

July 14 First day of exhibition.

July 24 3-6 p.m. Reception at Circle Gallery Awards presented at 5:00 p.m.

Aug. 7 3-5 p.m. Pick up hand delivered work at Circle Gallery.

Aug. 8 Noon-4 p.m. Pick up hand delivered work. A \$10 fine will be imposed for late pick up.

By Aug. 10 Shipped work will be sent.

**Gallery hours:** 11-5 Tuesday-Sunday

Telephone Voice/TTD: 410-268-4566

Exhibition email: [strokesofgenius@mdfedart.org](mailto:strokesofgenius@mdfedart.org)

MFA Circle Gallery: [info@mdfedart.org](mailto:info@mdfedart.org)

MD Relay: 1-800-735-2258

Fax: 410-268-4570

Web Site: [www.mdfedart.org](http://www.mdfedart.org)

Accessible to people with disabilities.

**Membership:** Celebrating forty-eight years. For membership and exhibition information, please use entry form below or visit our web site. The MFA is a non-profit 501(c)3 art organization supported by individual, corporate, and public sector contributions.

## Strokes of Genius Entry Form 2011: Mail in Entry Option (enclose completed entry form with check & CD)

How did you learn about the show? \_\_\_\_\_

Send future prospectuses:  Email  US mail

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1. Entry Title \_\_\_\_\_ Digital File Name \_\_\_\_\_

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**Artist Membership 2011: Annual Dues:**  1 yr. \$60  2 yrs. \$110 save \$10  3 yrs. \$150 save \$30

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### Membership and Exhibition Opportunities:

- On-site exhibit spaces (Main & Holley Galleries) • Member-only juried exhibitions (four-all media; jury from actual work; cash awards) • Solo & group opportunities
- Reduced entry fees for nationally-open and regional juried competitions • Download entry information from web site or receive hard-copy, as specified
  - May also submit .jpeg images through On-line Entry Options at [www.mdfedart.org](http://www.mdfedart.org), or by mail-in CD submission, as specified
- **2011 open-juried opportunities** (cash awards): **Art on Paper** (works on paper) • **Focal Point** (all photography) • **Strokes of Genius** (all painting)  
**American Landscapes** (all media) • **Found Objects** (all media) • **Small Wonders** (all media, small works)
- May apply for Holley Gallery solo exhibition & MFA alternative exhibition sites • Invitations to exhibitions • Your link listed on MFA web site • Weekly Member Memo

Access MFA's web site [www.mdfedart.org](http://www.mdfedart.org) for expanded membership form, exhibition guidelines and awards information • MFA Circle Gallery: [info@mdfedart.org](mailto:info@mdfedart.org)

## MFA Circle Gallery • 2011 Exhibitions Schedule 18 State Circle, Annapolis MD, 21401

**Member-juried all media schedule** (★ Denotes a \$500 Caruso Painting Award ● Expanded schedule posted by email in Member Memo)

Jan. 6 - Feb. 23: *The Winter Show* ★for still life ● April 22 - May 15: *The Spring Show* ★for plein air

June 17 - July 10: *The Summer Show* ★for portrait ● Sept. 15 - Oct. 9: *The Fall Show* ★for figure

**Open-juried schedule** (★ Denotes a \$500 Caruso Painting Award to a Member ● Entry details at [www.mdfedart.org](http://www.mdfedart.org))

May 19 - June 12: *Focal Point* (all photography). On-line entry deadline 3/9; Notification by 4/8

★ July 14 - Aug. 7: *Strokes of Genius* (all painting). On-line entry deadline 5/4; Notification by 6/10

★ Aug. 12 - Sept. 11: *11th Annual American Landscapes* (all media) On-line entry deadline 6/8; Notification by 7/8

Oct. 30 - Nov. 27: *Found Objects* (all media), On-line entry deadline 8/24; Notification by 9/23

★ Dec. 1 - Dec. 28: *Small Wonders* (all media-small works). On-line entry deadline 9/21; Notification by 10/18

★ March 23 - April 22: *35th annual Art on Paper (on or of paper)*. On-line entry deadline 1/12; Notification by 2/16

**Voted best gallery in Annapolis 2010**