



## Focal Point

### Fine Art and Creative Photography

The Maryland Federation of Art (MFA) invites all artists residing in the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico to enter its open-juried all photography competition. Any original work created in any form of photography, following exhibition guidelines, will be considered. Exhibiting concurrently is the juried work of the Chesapeake Sculptors. Works selected will be on exhibit in the MFA's Circle Gallery, 18 State Circle, Annapolis, Maryland from May 25 through June 17, 2012. The exhibition chair is John Coder.

Image from *Focal Point 2011*  
Bruce Blum, *Parabiosis II* by Buster, archival pigment print, 22x28

#### JUROR:

Margaret Adams received a BFA in Photography in 2001 from Corcoran College of Art + Design. She then received her MFA in Photography from Temple University. In 2008, Margaret was awarded "Best Fine Art Photographer" at *FotoWeek DC*. In addition to being a freelance photographer, she is Assistant Professor and Technology Coordinator at the Corcoran College of Art + Design and part time faculty at Maryland Institute College of Art.

#### ENTRY

*Focal Point* may be entered by uploading JPEG images through our on-line entry system. Go to [www.mdfedart.org](http://www.mdfedart.org) for details.

- **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:** Maximum dimensions of entry, including the outside edge of frame, cannot exceed 72" in height, width or depth. Please measure prior to entry.
- All work must be signed by the artist and priced for sale or marked POR (price on request). Works previously exhibited in a juried show at Circle Gallery are not eligible.
- Submit one JPEG image per piece entered, as allowed. The longest pixel dimension of the image should be about 2000 pixels.
- **Entry Fees:** 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. Membership may be made during entry process.

#### AWARDS

Cash awards total \$1000. Award contributors and recipients will be listed in the exhibition catalog.

The following categories will be considered for awards by the juror. Work must have originated with digital or film images shot by the artist.

1. B&W
2. Color
3. Creative (includes manual manipulation, mixed medium, 3-D; you are limited only by imagination and tools).

#### 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. **Artwork must arrive on or before scheduled dates.**

#### 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.
- **1. Maximum dimensions of entry, including the outside edge of frame, cannot exceed 72" in height, width or depth. Please measure prior to shipping. No exceptions.**
  2. No shipping peanuts—notify your shipper. Must use Plexiglas on all shipped work, and on hand-delivered work over 24"x30".
  3. Attach label to back with name, title, medium and price. No clip frames or taped edges accepted. Work must be presented in a manner appropriate to the artwork and be equipped for installation.
- **Work must arrive on or before scheduled dates.**
- 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.

**Gallery hours:** 11-5 Tuesday-Sunday • Telephone Voice/TTD: 410-268-4566

Exhibition email: [focalpoint@mdfedart.org](mailto:focalpoint@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.

#### Voted Best Gallery in Annapolis 2011

**Membership:** Celebrating forty-nine 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.

#### SCHEDULE

Jan.	18	On-line entry open for submissions
Mar.	14	Deadline for entries
By Apr.	12	Notifications are sent by email
May	14 to 20	Shipped work and hand delivered work must arrive at Circle Gallery, 18 State Circle, Annapolis MD, 21401. Closed Mon.
May	25	11-5 p.m. First day of exhibition.
June	3	3-6 p.m. Reception at Circle Gallery. Awards presented at 4:30 p.m.
June	17	3-5 p.m. Pick up hand delivered work at Circle Gallery.
June	18	Noon-4 p.m. Pick up hand delivered work. A \$10 fine will be imposed for late pick up.
By June	20	Shipped work will be sent.

**Artist Membership 2012: Basic Annual Dues:**  1 yr. \$60  2 yrs. \$110 save \$10  3 yrs. \$150 save \$30

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**Membership and Exhibition Opportunities:** You may also join online during the entry process.

- 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 forms on web site or receive hard-copy
  - Submit .jpeg images through an on-line entry system at [www.mdfedart.org](http://www.mdfedart.org), as specified
- **2012 open-juried opportunities** (cash awards): **Art on Paper** (works on paper) • **Focal Point** (all photography) • **Xlg & Xsm Show** (2-D works at alternative space, University of MD)  
**Fiber Options** (all fiber) • **American Landscapes** (all media) • **Strokes of Genius** (all painting) • **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 calendar, guidelines and awards information.*

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## MFA Circle Gallery • 2012 Exhibitions Schedule

### 18 State Circle, Annapolis MD, 21401

**Member-juried all media schedule** (Expanded schedule posted by email in Member Memo)

**Jan. 7 - Jan. 29: *The Winter Show*** • **April 27 - May 20: *The Spring Show***

**June 22 - July 15: *The Summer Show*** • **Sept. 21 - Oct. 14: *The Fall Show***

**Open-juried schedule** (Entry details at [www.mdfedart.org](http://www.mdfedart.org))

**Mar. 22 - April 22: *Art on Paper*** (work on or of paper) Entry deadline 1/11; Notification by 2/17

**May 25 - June 16: *Focal Point*** (all photography). Entry deadline 3/14; Notification by 4/12

**June 24 - Aug. 5: *Xlg & Xsm Show*** (2-D works at alternative space, University of MD, College Park) Entry deadline 4/18; Notification 5/18

**July 19 - Aug. 11: *Fiber Options*** (all fiber), Entry deadline 5/9; Notification by 6/7

**Aug. 17 - Sept. 16: *12th Annual American Landscapes*** (all media) Entry deadline 6/13; Notification by 7/13

**Nov. 2 - Nov. 24: *Strokes of Genius*** (all painting). Entry deadline 8/22; Notification by 9/20

**Nov. 30 - Dec. 29: *Small Wonders*** (all media, small works). Entry deadline 9/12; Notification by 10/11

**March 29 - April 28, 2013: *36th annual Art on Paper*** (work on or of paper). Entry deadline 1/23; Notification by 2/22

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