

Call For Entries

The Sky's the Limit: A juried exhibition of artworks in all media that incorporate photographic techniques

September 5 – October 31, 2011

Brentwood Arts Exchange – *Exchanging Ideas Through Art*
@ Gateway Arts Center · 3901 Rhode Island Avenue · Brentwood, MD 20722

The Brentwood Arts Exchange is pleased to host *The Sky's the Limit*, the 2011 Prince George's County Juried Exhibition. Photographic imagery is ubiquitous in nearly every aspect of our lives, from billboards, to cell phone videos, to keepsake albums to Facebook profiles. It's no coincidence that it is just as pervasive throughout contemporary art – even in media that are often thought of in stark contrast to traditional photography. *The Sky's the Limit* presents a glimpse of the ways photography employs itself throughout the visual arts, here and now. Juried by Michael Platt, the exhibition presents the best photo-inclusive art by artists who live, work, or study in Prince George's County. Hosted in the Gateway Arts District for the second time, this Prince George's County Juried Exhibition is our chance to show off the important contributions that artists in our county make to contemporary art throughout the region.

APPLICATION DEADLINE – July 22, 2011

All submissions must be received by 5:00pm

DATES

- **Deadline for receipt of entries: July 22**
- **Notification of selected works: August 1**
**All notifications will be sent by email.*
- **Artwork drop-off period: August 15-19**
- **Exhibition Opens: September 5**
- **Opening Reception: Saturday, September 10, 5-8pm**
- **Exhibition closes: October 31**
- **Artwork pick-up period: November 3-5**

JUROR – Michael B. Platt

Michael B. Platt is a 2007 recipient of the prestigious Franz and Virginia Bader Fund Grant. Long known as a printmaker, Platt now prefers the more encompassing designation, “imagemaker.” His artwork recently has turned to digital imagery and book art that combines image and poetry—fragments, allowing us glimpses of our selves. He continues to create artwork that centers on figurative explorations of life's survivors, the marginalized, referencing history and circumstance in the rites, rituals and expressions of our human condition.

Platt has exhibited internationally and nationally. His recent one-person shows include *In Transit*, International Visions-The Gallery, Washington, DC, and *Just Above Water*, at the University of Maryland. He has artwork in the permanent collection of the Corcoran Museum; the Smithsonian Museum of American Art; the Library of Congress, the Schomburg Research Center in Black Culture of the New York Public Library; the Yale University Art Gallery; the Brown University Rockefeller Library Harris Poetry Collection; the David C. Driskell Center of the University of Maryland, and the Hampton University Art Museum.

AWARDS

The Sky's the Limit will feature two purchase/cash awards: one presented by the Prince George's Arts Council, and second presented by the Prince George's County Department of Parks and Recreation, M-NCPPC.

ELIGIBILITY & SUBMISSION CRITERIA

This call for entries is open to all artists 18 years old or older who live, work, attend school or have studios in Prince George's County, MD.

Artists may submit a maximum of 3 artworks for consideration. All works must be original. Artworks may use any media. However, in order to be considered for the exhibition, artworks must incorporate photographic imagery or techniques. Proposals for installation or performance works should include example images and/or video of the type of work being proposed as well as a brief document describing the proposed artwork.

WHAT TO SEND

Materials should be submitted by mail or delivered in person to the Brentwood Arts Exchange, in the Gateway Arts Center, 3901 Rhode Island Avenue, Brentwood, MD 20722. Please send:

- Your name and contact information, including address, telephone number, and email.
- A CD/DVD containing images and/or segments of video, each no longer than five minutes in duration.
- A printed list of the works submitted with titles, media, and dimensions.
- If your mailing address is not in Prince George's County but you are eligible to apply under other criteria, please provide a very brief explanation of your eligibility (i.e. your in-county studio address, etc.)
- **Optional:* An artist's statement
- If you would like your materials returned, please include an SASE. Materials sent without an SASE will not be returned.

Please note: Only entries sent in digital formats will be accepted for jurying. We will not jury printed images, slides, or original artworks. We regret that we cannot accept submissions via email. Digital files must be submitted on a CD/DVD.

MAILING ADDRESS FOR SUBMISSIONS:

Attn: The Sky's the Limit
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GUIDELINES FOR DIGITAL FILES

Effort will be made to review all submissions, regardless of format. However, please be aware that

incompatible files may cause submissions to be rejected. Applicants are encouraged to format files as described below.

- Image files should not be larger than 1MB, and should be formatted as jpeg or tiff.
- Video submissions may be submitted as a DVD or on a CD and formatted as mpeg or mpeg-4.
- Name each file according to the following format: “last name” underscore “document”.
Example: jones_imagelist.pdf.
- Please number each image/video file corresponding to the work sample list. Example:
01_jones_stilllifewithguitar.jpg

NOTIFICATION

All artists will be informed of acceptance or non-acceptance by email. Artists who do not have email addresses may request to be notified by mail.

DELIVERY & INSTALLATION

Artists are responsible for transporting work to and from the gallery. Artwork must be delivered ready to hang and appropriately presented. For works that require projection, sound or other electronic equipment, those materials must be provided by the artist. Artworks that differ significantly from the images submitted for judging or are not ready for gallery installation may be rejected. If you need to ship the work, please call us to let us know what arrangements you have made.

The exhibition will be installed and dismantled by M-NCPPC staff unless the nature of the work requires special assistance. All work accepted for exhibition will remain at the Brentwood Arts Exchange for the duration of the exhibition.

SALES & INSURANCE

The M-NCPPC will retain a 25% commission on all artworks sold during, or as a result of the exhibition. The M-NCPPC will insure all consigned artwork in the custody of the Brentwood Arts Exchange from the time they are received by delivery, until the pick-up date only.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact:

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