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Exhibition of Works by River Region Artists Opens June 1, 2019

The Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts and the Montgomery Art Guild Present the 43rd Montgomery Art Guild Museum Exhibition

Montgomery, AL, — Some of the River Region's most talented contemporary artists are set to unveil some of their captivating works in the galleries of the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts (MMFA) this Saturday, June 1, 2019, at 10 AM. *The 43rd Montgomery Art Guild Museum Exhibition* is part of a community-oriented partnership between the Museum and the Montgomery Art Guild (MAG). The relationship between the Museum and the MAG has flourished for more than 50 years due to the shared commitment of both organizations. Both are extremely grateful for this year's lead sponsor Laura and Barrie Harmon and sponsors Margaret and Jimmy Lowder, Synovus, and Montgomery County Commissioner Dan Harris.

The juror for this year's exhibition is David Reyes, Curator of Exhibitions and Collections at the Huntsville Museum of Art, Huntsville, Alabama. He selected 72 artworks including paintings, sculpture, textiles, and works on paper from more than 300 entries. Participating artists are eligible to win one of 12 awards presented by the MMFA and the MAG. The winners will be revealed tomorrow, Friday, May 31, 2019, at 5:30 PM.

Hear Reyes discuss the works on view during the *Juror's Critique* on Saturday, June 1, 2019, at 10 AM. The public is welcome to attend.

"The exhibition juror, David Reyes, is to be applauded for his selection of works which, more than ever, reflects the breadth and depth of the lives and concerns of those who now call Montgomery and the River Region home. We also praise all of the artists—those whose work found a place in the exhibition and those whose work has been a better fit with past shows or will be a stronger match for those yet to come," said MMFA Director Angie Dodson.

"The Montgomery Art Guild appreciates the unique opportunity of working with the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts to present this show. Guild members aim to create quality artwork in keeping with the beautiful exhibition space at the Museum," said incoming MAG President Warren Simon.

Attendant Exhibition

Also on view will be works by this year's MAG featured artist, Richard Mills. An installation of his works titled *Richard Mills: inVISIBLE* is located on the Museum's 2nd floor. This exhibition highlights and honors the art of Mills, professor emeritus of Fine Arts at Auburn University at Montgomery (AUM). Mills will discuss his career as an artist and teacher and the lessons and travels that influenced his watercolor paintings during an *Artist Talk* on Sunday, June 2, 2019, at 2 PM. We invite the public to attend this free event.

These two exhibitions will be on view through Sunday, July 21, 2019, at 5 PM.

About the Montgomery Art Guild

The Montgomery Art Guild is the longest standing, non-profit art organization in the Montgomery Region. A group of about 35 local artists formed MAG in the late 1950s for the purpose of promoting and making citizens in Montgomery aware of the visual arts. MAG was incorporated as a nonprofit organization in 1968. It thrives today as an important arts organization in the River Region.

About the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts

The Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts was founded in 1930 by a group of local artists as a place for both exhibiting art and a space for art education. The original intentions of our founders—to exhibit and teach—continue to inspire and inform every action and activity here at the Museum which, since 1988, has shared the 277-acre Blount Cultural Park with our partners across the lake at the celebrated Alabama Shakespeare Festival.

Today's MMFA visitors stroll art-studded grounds and permanent collection galleries. They see compelling changing exhibitions and learn about art by playing in our interactive gallery, Artworks, making art in its bustling studios, or by participating in other engaging events and programs. And, as of late September 2018, MMFA visitors can now relax and recharge in the serenity of our stunning new three-acre John and Joyce Caddell sculpture garden.

While the Museum's collection is still home to the art of many of the regional artists who first established it, over time, it has become known for its strength in American art and Old Master Prints. Recent, important acquisitions of art made by African-American and Asian artists and works inspired by images and themes related to the experiences of these groups represent the breadth and depth of the lives and concerns of those who now call Montgomery and the River Region home. Through the exhibition of this work as well as the programs and events that help connect our communities with it, the MMFA is recognized as a leading arts and cultural resource here in the state and Southeastern region.

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Related Programs

Juror's Critique with David Reyes
Saturday, June 1, 2019; 10 AM

Artist Talk with Richard Mills
Sunday, June 2, 2019; 2 PM

Last Call
Thursday, June 27, 2019; 5:30 PM

Join the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts' Junior Executive Board for this *Last Call*, an opportunity to socialize with young professionals and explore *The 43rd Montgomery Art Guild Museum Exhibition* while enjoying hors d'oeuvres and an open bar.

General Information

Free admission and ample parking.

Hours:

ArtWorks

Tuesday–Saturday, 10 AM–5 PM
Sunday, Noon to 5 PM

Galleries, Caddell Sculpture Garden, and Parker Terrace:

Tuesday–Saturday, 10 AM–5 PM
Sunday, Noon to 5 PM

Café:

Tuesday–Saturday, 11 AM–2 PM

Museum Store:

Tuesday–Saturday, 11 AM–2 PM

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