



The Retreat is Calling for Artists

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The Retreat is searching for artists for its Fourth Annual Juried Art Show. The exhibition will be held from Oct 27 to Nov 5, 2012 at Richard J. Demato Fine Arts Gallery in Sag Harbor. Winner of Best in Show will receive a solo show at the gallery. The exhibition benefits The Retreat's domestic violence services. They are the only non-profit provider of their kind on the East End of Long Island.

This year's show will be judged by Christina Mossaides Strassfield and Kathryn Markel. Strassfield is the director and chief curator for Guild Hall Museum in East Hampton. Markel is the owner of Kathryn Markel Fine Arts. The gallery has locations in Bridgehampton and New York City.

Only the top 25 entries will be part of a group show at the Sag Harbor gallery. Any runners-up will be part of an online gallery accompanying the exhibition. Winner of Best in Show will receive a solo show at the gallery within one year.

Applications will be accepted through Aug 1, 2012. Mediums are photography, painting and sculpture (no video art). The work cannot be larger than 24 x 36 inches.

In the previous three years, the show has attracted national and international attention and submissions, according to The Retreat. There were over 310 entries received last year, according to an event release.

All entry fees and 50 percent of art sales benefit the non-profit organization. The Retreat is the only non-profit domestic violence agency serving the East End of Long Island. Services provided include free counseling, a 24-hour domestic violence hotline, legal advocacy, educational programs and more. Last year, the event raised over \$15,000, according to The Retreat.

The Juried Art Show and the Artists Against Abuse fundraiser are two ways that artists assist The Retreat's battle against domestic violence. Artist participation in the Artists Against Abuse event is by invitation-only. The Juried Art Show is open to all artists who would like to apply. Only the top 25 artists are included the show. Artwork by runners-up has been included in an online gallery for past exhibitions.

"The Hamptons Juried Art Show provides us with the opportunity to discover new talent worldwide through the avenue of supporting families in crisis," said Jeffrey Friedman, Executive Director of The Retreat. "We have found that the artist community is extremely supportive of the very important work that The Retreat does."

The show typically attracts national and international submissions. Hamptons and North Fork artists who have exhibited in past shows include Lewis Zacks, Philippe Cheng, Annie Wildey, Giancarlo Impiglia, Stephanie Reit, Shari Abramson, Ruby Jackson and others. Jurors have included curator Arlene Bujese, Max Fishko (now of artMRKT) and artist Bruce Helander. Strassfield and Markel have both juried prior exhibitions.

The deadline to enter is Aug 1, 2012. Artists accepted into the show will be notified by The Retreat by Aug 31. All inquiries should be directed to The Retreat (and not the gallery hosting the exhibition).



BASIC INFO: Complete rules and an entry form for The Retreat's **Annual Juried Art Show** can be found: <http://hamptonsjuriedartshow.com/>

For information on The Retreat:

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