

SOCIAL SEEN: Guild Hall's Artist Members Exhibition Winners Announced Amid a Vibrant Crowd

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The opening of Guild Hall's Artist Members Show is always a popular one. The Open Call art exhibition carries with it the hope of winning a solo show at the museum's Spiga Gallery as well as having art selected as noteworthy in several different categories. This year was no exception, even as the reception ushered in the opening reception as a museum members-only affair instead of open to the general public. Crowds still appeared in waves throughout with congratulations flowing and artist connections occurring, just as they have in the past.



Lori Horowitz with her "Xanax In Fur." Photo by Tom Kochie.



Joan Kraisky, Michelle Murphy Strada, Christina Strassfield. Photo by Tom Kochie.

This year's 79th Annual Exhibition was juried by Ruba Kabrib, curator at SculptureCenter in Long Island City. Katrib had over 380 art works to choose from, including the highest number of sculpture ever submitted to the show, according to Guild Hall.

The 2017 Winners are:

TOP HONORS - *Armour*, 2016, by Joyce Kubat. Ink on paper.

BEST ABSTRACT - *Synchronized Chaos* by Pam L. Nolan. Encaustic on board.

BEST SCULPTURE - *Drink Me* by Ruby Jackson. Polymer clay.

BEST WORK ON PAPER - *Small Sea Garden #25* by Melinda Hackett. Oil on paper.

BEST REPRESENTATIONAL - *Monkey Mood* by Anne Drager. Handprinted gouache-woodcut on Kozo paper, ink pen, pastel and whiteout.

BEST MIXED MEDIA - *Totems of the Brujo* by Luk Zulu. Mixed Media sculpture. (Insider's Tip: Luk Zulu is also known as artist Nick Tarr)

BEST PHOTOGRAPH - *Lucca* by Neil Kraft, 2016. Epson print.

CATHERINE AND THEO HIOS LANDSCAPE AWARD - *Loading Bay* by Doug Reina. Oil on canvas.

BEST NEW ARTIST - *Untitled* by Gustavo Bonevardi. Polymer clay and wood (Note: The award is presented to an artist who is new to the exhibition or has not entered in the past five years).



Award winners at Guild Hall's 79th Annual Artist Members Show. Photo by Tom Kochie.



Top Honors winner Joyce Kubat, with her piece "Armour", and with Andrea Grover. Photo by Tom Kochie.



Best Sculpture Winner Ruby Jackson with her sculpture "Drink Me." Courtesy Guild Hall.

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Krysta Lamiroult with her daughter Danika and Kristen Curie playing with Augie Hoffman's "Drop In." Photo by Tom Kochie.



Will Ryan and Nicole Teitler. Photo by Tom Kochie.



Edna Perez, model for Tom Kochie's "Spirit." Photo by Tom Kochie.

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BASIC FACTS: "Guild Hall's 79th Artist Members Exhibition" is on view from April 8 to June 3, 2017. Guild Hall is located at 158 Main Street, East Hampton, NY 11937. www.guildhall.org.

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