



MAD Announces New Award for Artists Working in Glass, Fiber, Clay, Metal or Wood

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The Museum of Arts and Design (MAD) has established a new annual award to help celebrate and support the next generation of artists working in the [American studio craft movement](#), the museum announced at the [MAD Ball](#) on November 7, 2017.

[The Burke Prize](#) is an unrestricted \$50,000 award made to a professional artist under the age of 45 working in glass, fiber, clay, metals, or wood. Named for Marian and Russell Burke, two passionate collectors of craft and longtime supporters of MAD, the Burke Prize winner will be determined by a jury of professionals in the fields of art, craft, and design following an open application process.

“We are so pleased to be inaugurating this landmark prize in our 60th Anniversary year,” stated Board Chair Michele Cohen in the award announcement. “The Burke Prize reaffirms MAD as a champion for the future of craft and the next generation of artists.”

The Burke Prize jury will be led by Shannon Stratton, Chief Curator at MAD. Applications will become available in February 2018. The winner will be announced in fall 2018.

“The Burke Prize is an important and remarkable gift to American craft,” noted Shannon R. Stratton, MAD’s William and Mildred Lasdon Chief Curator. “Not only does an unrestricted prize of this magnitude help sustain an artist’s practice, allowing for experimentation and growth, but it also makes a powerful statement about the continued importance of these artistic disciplines.”

Applicants must be American citizens or permanent residents, living or working within the continental United States, Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, Guam, or the US Virgin Islands. The Burke Prize is open to professional artists under the age of 45 working in glass, fiber, clay, metals, or wood and who may be considered advancing the disciplines that helped shape the American studio craft movement. For information, visit madmuseum.org/burkeprize. Social Media tags: #BurkePrize @madmuseum

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[The Museum of Arts and Design](#) (MAD) champions contemporary makers across creative fields and presents the work of artists, designers, and artisans who apply the highest level of ingenuity and skill. Since the Museum’s founding in 1956 by philanthropist and visionary Aileen Osborn Webb, MAD has celebrated all facets of making and the creative processes by which materials are transformed, from traditional techniques to cutting-edge technologies.

Today, the Museum's curatorial program builds upon a rich history of exhibitions that emphasize a cross-disciplinary approach to art and design, and reveals the workmanship behind the objects and environments that shape our everyday lives. MAD provides an international platform for practitioners who are influencing the direction of cultural production and driving twenty-first-century innovation, and fosters a participatory setting for visitors to have direct encounters with skilled making and compelling works of art and design.

BASIC FACTS: The Museum of Arts and Design is located at 2 Columbus Circle, New York, NY 10019. There are current two exhibitions on view: "[Studio Views: Craft in the Expanded Field](#)" and "[Sonic Arcade: Shaping Space with Sound.](#)" Click [here](#) for details.

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