

## **Media Advisory**

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the Museum of Florida Art presents:

The Museum of Florida Art Presents: *Florida Biennial IV*

**On Exhibit: June 6 - August 24, 2008**

**Opening Reception: June 6, 5 - 7pm      Frank Holt Gallery Talk: June 28, 2pm**

The *Florida Biennial* is an exhibition that has grown from a local museum member's exhibit into an important venue for artists across the state. As the Museum of Florida Art continues to expand in scope and reach, the *Florida Biennial* juried exhibition plays a vital part in this process by providing exhibition opportunities to a variety of artists working in a wide range of mediums. This year, over 90 Florida artists provided submissions for jury; 61 artists were chosen for this year's show.

Distinguished jurors have curated exciting exhibitions over the years that are both beneficial to the participating artists and to the public. Selected artists often premiere work in this exhibit. Discoveries of new techniques and approaches to the creative process often occur with exhibitors while the public is rewarded with a diverse collection of imagery, mediums, and styles of artistic expression. This exposure can lead to a greater appreciation of art in general or to increased interest in a particular artist.

This year's juror is Frank Holt, Director of the Mennello Museum of American Art in Orlando, Florida. As with previous jurors, Mr. Holt brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to his decision making. Jurors are often introduced to new talent through this process which can lead to further developments in an artist's career beyond to *Florida Biennial*. Frank Holt will also give a gallery talk thus furthering an aesthetic dialogue about the work on display.

The educational potential for each *Florida Biennial* is another beneficial aspect of these distinctive exhibitions. Any one of the mediums presented is a starting point for learning more. This exhibit is scheduled to coincide with the Museum of Florida Art's summer *Camp Create* for children where they will be able to experience first hand creations done by accomplished artists. This art exposure shows numerous fantastic possibilities. Many times, mediums used by exhibiting artists are inspirational of student experimentation. Participating artists in the Florida Biennial will many times offer demonstrations, talks or lead workshops for young students and adults alike.

The *Florida Biennial* introduces the Museum of Florida Art, DeLand and the surrounding area to many artists here for the first time. This venue reaches out to more artists and museum visitors than any other exhibit on our schedule. We would like to thank our sponsors as well as all of the artists, who submitted work, congratulate all who were accepted and welcome new visitors.

## **Biennial IV Awards**

### **Best of Show**

"Barrel Racer" Drawing, 52"x39" by Charles Gillespie

### **Award of Excellence**

"Tribute to Tibby" Mixed Media, 48"x46"x8" by Wendy Mandel McDaniel  
"Modules" Mixed Media, 28"x28" by Blake Henschel

**Merit Award**

"Reaching Skyward" Mixed Media, 21"x40"x13" by Cheryl Bogdanowitsch  
"Five Sisters" Acrylic 20"x30" by Sandra De Nijs  
"La Abuelita" Collage, 31"x39" by Eleanor Hughes  
"The World Below" Watercolor, 22"x30" by Sydney McKenna  
"Test-tube Babies" Mixed Media, 40"x60" by Leon Wiesener

**Honorable Mention**

"Mary's Chapel" Oil, 26"x20" by Val Sandell  
"This is for the Birds" Fiber, 17 1/2"x31 1/2" by Jane Jennings  
"Flame Dancing" Photography, 16"x20" by Etta Jean Juge  
"2 Pets" Pen and Ink, 38"x28" by James O'Connor  
"Gilbert" Acrylic, 24"x36" by Mary Lou Antes

**Museum of Florida Art Purchase Award**

"Jockeys" Drawing, 52"x39" by Charles Gillespie

**Sponsor's Choice Award**

"Conversation" Painted Steel, 46"x36"x13" by John Wolfe

Museum of Florida Art is located at 600 North Woodland Blvd. DeLand, Florida 32720

Museum Hours: Tues.-Sat. 10 am-4 pm, Sun 1-4 pm.

Gallery Admission: Members - Free, Non-Members - \$3.00, Children under 12 and Sundays – Free.

For more information, contact the museum at (386) 734-4371 or visit [www.MuseumofFloridaArt.com](http://www.MuseumofFloridaArt.com).

*The mission of the Museum of Florida Art is to promote and showcase Florida Art and emerging and established Florida artists through exhibitions and educational and interpretive programming made available to a diverse statewide audience of all ages; to collect and preserve works of art for this purpose; to publish books and other materials concerning the foregoing; and to make such resources available for the public.*

*Featured Photo:*

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