

Celebrate Arts! 2009 Juror's Statement

I am honored to have been entrusted with the awesome responsibility of selecting work for this years Celebrate Arts! exhibit. The quality of the work was stellar, which only served to make my task more difficult. I was charged by the exhibit committee to make my selections based on the following criteria:

1. Excellence in composition, color, line, value, subject, content & technique.
2. Work that is outstanding and innovative in concept, medium or style.
3. Work that is intriguing, mysterious, surprising or meaningful.

In viewing over 300 pieces of art, it became clear to me that there were a great many genres or styles represented by the entries. I took the theme of this exhibit, Celebrate Arts! and applied it in its' broadest possible sense, the celebration of art in all its' variety. Therefore I felt it valuable to include work from as many genres as possible, at all times with an eye to the best examples present of that genre and the criteria set forth by the exhibit organizers. Some of the genres you will find in this exhibit are:

- Landscape
- Still Life
- Abstract
- Conceptual
- Floral
- Figurative
- Asian or Asian Inspired
- Graphic/Illustration
- Outsider Art
- Wild Life
- Street Photography
- Documentary
- Visionary
- Arts & Crafts
- and Folk Art

I have also attempted to include work representative of as many mediums as possible including:

- Watercolor Painting
- Acrylic Painting
- Oil Painting
- Printmaking
- Sculpture
- Fabric Arts
- Assemblage
- Jewelry
- and Photography

I would be remiss if I did not mention the Best of Show awards. Suffice it to say that many of the Merit Award winners were also worthy of the Best of Show awards. In the end, I selected works based on technical skill, conceptual execution, emotional impact and creative fearlessness.

In closing I would like to give special recognition to all the artists that entered in the youth category. Exhibiting your art is the most important act of courage you can undertake as an artist. If you ever doubt yourself or your ability, persevere! And to everyone who made this exhibit possible, my sincerest thanks. May each of us have success in bringing passion and beauty to the world!

With Gratitude,

Scott Edward Huetten, Celebrate Arts! 2009 Juror