

Unique by Nature
Juried Art Competition and Exhibition, April 8-April 23, 2016
Awards Reception, April 8, 2016

Unique by Nature is hosted by the McKinney Performing Arts Center (City of McKinney), with help from the volunteers of the Arts and Music Guild. Sponsors include citizen leaders dedicated to the growth of the arts in McKinney. This year submissions will be juried by a panel of four: Amy Rosenthal, Director of the MPAC; Chad Huggins, Chair of the McKinney Arts Commission; Gail Delger, artist and owner of LAST Art Gallery; and Russell Tether, Russell Tether Fine Art. Prize winners will be chosen by this year's judges, Pam and Bill Campbell, William Campbell Contemporary Art, Ft. Worth.

Cash and purchase prizes totaling \$8500 will be distributed as follows:

ONE large scale work will be awarded the \$6000. Purchase Prize, and will become part of the permanent public art collection of the McKinney Performing Arts Center. An additional \$2500. in prize money will be divided among five works of art juried into the exhibit (non-purchase prize) and chosen by the judge, including one Young Artist Award chosen from among the juried artwork submitted by high school students.

Opening Reception and Awards Announcement will be the evening of Friday, April 8th in the McKinney Performing Arts Center. The juried exhibit will continue through April 23rd.

All two- and three-dimensional media are allowed. Works will be juried according to original and engaging artistic vision, effective use of media, and professionalism of presentation.

Unique by Nature is open to professional and emerging artists who are legal residents of the United States and at some point have been residents of Texas. Entrants must be at least 17 years of age by May 2016.

Submission requirements:

All art work must be submitted in person on Saturday, April 2nd (9:30am-6pm), Lower Level, McKinney Performing Arts Center, downtown McKinney, EXCEPT large scale works to be considered for the Purchase Prize, which will be juried by jpg (see below***)

Art work submitted in person: \$20 for up to two works of art, which supports scholarships for young artists and musicians. Payment may be made through website (www.artsandmusicguild.com/events/ubn) or at time of submission (cash, checks payable to "Arts and Music Guild").

Artwork submission forms will be available online at www.artsandmusicguild.com/events/ubn and at drop-off on April 2nd.

*****Artists wishing to submit large scale works (36" or more in one dimension)** to be considered for the Purchase Prize should go to

<http://mckinneypac.wufoo.com/forms/unique-by-nature-large-works-application-2016>

and fill out the online application. The application requests up to 3 jpgs of artwork, a bio, and contact information, and should be submitted by Friday, March 25th, 7pm. Submission fee is \$25. and will support the prize pool. More information about the large works section of the show is on the application.

Size limitations and presentation requirements (non-Purchase Prize):

In consideration of our desire to balance the presentation of each work in the limited space of the gallery, the following size restrictions apply: 2D works must not exceed 72” vertically and 48” horizontally (including frame, if framed). 3D works that hang must not exceed 30lbs, 72” vertically, and 30” horizontally. 3D works that are free-standing should not exceed 72” vertically and 30” horizontally, and artist is encouraged to provide pedestal or display stand with artwork if the piece is not designed to stand on the floor. Extremely fragile pieces 3D pieces must be easily movable, as display options are limited.

If the artwork is on paper, the work **must** either be mounted or framed with glazing; i.e., glass or Plexiglas. Loose paper works cannot be accepted.

All 2-D works submitted should be **suitably framed** as needed, or be gallery wrapped canvases (minimum 1” wide, heavy duty stretcher frames).

Whether framed or unframed, 2D or 3D, all hanging works should have D-rings and be wired. Multi-unit works must be engineered so that they can be hung as a single unit.

Art Exhibit, Sales, and Pick Up (non-Purchase Prize):

The juried exhibit is open through April 23th. ALL artwork **MUST** be picked up on Sunday, April 24th (1-5pm).

Artwork not juried into the exhibit will be shown in the “Salon des Refuses” (very fun, very beautiful, too) during the opening reception (evening of April 8th) and **MUST** be picked up by 9:30pm April 8th.

Artists are welcome to price their work for sale during the exhibit. Sales will be handled by the McKinney Performing Arts Center, which will cut the artist a check for the sales price, minus a 25% commission. All commissions collected by McKinney Performing Arts Center will be used to purchase additional art work or to fund future competitions.

While the McKinney Performing Arts Center staff and the Arts and Music Guild volunteers will use care in handling the work, none are responsible for losses or damages. As such, artists may want to consider insuring their work based on its value.

One final note, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact Annie Royer at 214-679-1124, or sar312@sbcglobal.net. Such concerns might include a conflicting drop off or pick up time for your artwork, and she will make every effort to accommodate the requirements of each artist and their artwork.