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**Visual Arts Mississauga
35th Annual Juried Show of Fine Arts**

January 17 - March 2, 2013

**Opening Reception and Awards Ceremony:
Thursday, January 17, 6 pm**

All are invited to attend the Opening Reception and Awards Ceremony. Admission to the Gallery is **FREE**.

ART GALLERY OF MISSISSAUGA

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Awards

1st Place | Sponsored by Visual Arts Mississauga
Susan Campbell, *Open House Interventions*

“Open House Interventions was chosen for its conceptual nature as an invention or intervention of urban space and overall composition.”

2nd Place | Sponsored by Curry’s Art Store
Steven Volpe, *Self Portrait with Accomplices*

The jurors love the composition of *Self Portrait with Accomplices* as it creates good eye movement. The handling of materials is excellent.

3rd Place | Sponsored by DeSerres
Sarah Martin, *It Was That Same Night*

It Was That Same Night was chosen for its use of mixed media. The jurors particularly enjoyed the play between tightness and looseness.

Honourable Mention | Sponsored by Curry’s Art Store
Julia Vanderpolder, *Still Water*

In *Still Water*, the jurors loved its *“abstract nature – great composition and wonderful painterly application of the medium.”*

Committee’s Choice Award | Sponsored by Visual Arts Mississauga
Paul McCusker, *The Gas Bill*

Awarded to a piece that most strikes the committee for its execution:

This year’s Juried Show Committee, consisting of Carolyn Daniels, Margo Sheppard-Hebert and Lise Irvine, unanimously awarded the Committee’s Choice Award to Paul McCusker.

AGM Mississauga Artist of Distinction Award | Sponsored by the Art Gallery of Mississauga
Natasha Gouveia, *1,496 Staples*

“The work by Gouveia resonates with Spaniard Antonio Tapies and his interest in materiality at the forge of a new modernism. This piece 1,496 Staples conceptually pushes the notion of painting forward into a sculptural action leaving me to wonder about the painterly approach to “markmaking.” Maybe, if we are lucky this phraseology has been retired, or invented anew and we have new issues and ideas to consider. This terrain by Gouveia is interesting, fresh and speaks of the best in contemporary practices, therefore deserves support and recognition to confidently leap ahead....leaving us to want more by this new talent.”

- Stuart Keeler, AGM Curator & Director of Programmes

Artists

Peter Adamson, Carey Alvez, Amanda Baron, Justin Blayney, Judy Blue Anderson, Pat Bond, Wendy Bowe, Monica Burnside, Susan Campbell, Nacho Cartagena, Clement Cheng, Susan Clark, Jill Conroy, Joe DiLecce, Natasha Gouveia, Adrian Greene, Neil Harrison, Pat Hertzberg, Sonja Hidas, Diana Hillman, Susie Izidoro-Savino, Gaye Jackson, Simon Jensen, Helen Jones, Hyun Ryoung Kim, Britta Klingenstierna, Wai Fun Fanny Ku, Bernice Kwong, Angela Lipscombe, Adrienne Marcus Raja, Sarah Martin, Paul McCusker, Elaine McGrath, Eileen Menzel, Anna Nawrocka, Nancy Newton, Irma Osadsa, Pat Rice, Susan Ross, Mara Schiavetto, Jessica Thalmann, Michelle Tourikian, Julia Vandepolder, Andrew Verhoeckx, Rosalie Villanueva, Steve Volpe, Bruce Walker, Lisa Yun

Exhibition

The **Visual Arts Mississauga 35th Annual Juried Show of Fine Arts** will be at the **Art Gallery of Mississauga (AGM)** from January 17 - March 2. The AGM has hosted this exhibition since 1987.

The VAM call for entry is one of the region's most anticipated visual arts events. This year, 248 submissions were received from working artists across Ontario. The exhibition is an annual opportunity to survey a variety of practices by artists who range from graduating students to senior members of the visual arts community.

Voting for the People's Choice Award will take place for the duration of the exhibition.

Jurors

Christof Migone is an artist, curator and writer. He is currently a Lecturer in the Department of Visual Studies at the University of Toronto Mississauga and the Director/Curator of the Blackwood Gallery.

Stuart Reid is Director/Curator of Rodman Hall Art Centre at Brock University in St. Catharines, Ontario. He is the author of over 60 exhibition catalogues and several published books including *The Art of Tim Jocelyn*, *Celebrating Life: The Art of Doris McCarthy* and *Cities: John Hartman*.

Brian Smith is a professional, award-winning graphic designer and a practicing fine artist focusing on classical drawing and painting from the figure.

Events

Saturday, January 26, 1 pm, **Walk the Talk | VAM Juror Talk**

Join AGM Curator & Director of Programmes Stuart Keeler and VAM 35 jurors Christof Migone, Stuart Reid and Brian Smith in a casual walkthrough and discussion of the exhibition. FREE! All are invited!

About Visual Arts Mississauga

visualartsmississauga.com

Visual Arts Mississauga is a not-for-profit charitable organization with a mission to enrich community life by **fostering an appreciation of the arts** through active involvement in a variety of creative experiences. VAM's vision is to be a catalyst where art inspires and enriches the community.

In its Art Centre in Riverwood Park, VAM offers the community **quality year-round art instruction** for adults, teens and children. Over **100 adult classes and 70 children's courses** are presented in a variety of traditional mediums as well as photography, ikebana, stained glass and more. VAM's public programming offers engaging and comprehensive visual arts activities for the community through ARTREACH, a curriculum-based program for schools, community groups, day cares and adult social groups. VAM greatly appreciates the generous support the City of Mississauga's Culture Division, corporations, individuals and its membership.

About The Art Gallery of Mississauga

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The **Art Gallery of Mississauga (AGM)** is a public, not-for-profit, art gallery located in the Mississauga Civic Centre, across from Square One Mall. The AGM is proud to admit people free of charge, serve communities, and provide positive visual art experiences for all visitors.

The Mission of the **AGM** is to promote awareness and the appreciation of the visual arts through the operation, development and growth of a public, not-for-profit art gallery. The mandate of the Gallery is to "*bring art to the community and the community to art.*"

Directions to the **AGM**, as well as transit routes and other information, can be found on the website.

For more information, please contact the **Art Gallery of Mississauga** at 905 896 5088 or visit artgalleryofmississauga.com.

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