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This catalogue includes works displayed at our fourteenth annual national art competition and exhibition of contemporary figurative works. The works displayed in this exhibition are compiled in this catalogue.



Nicole M. Santiago Williamsburg, VA Self-Portrait in Studio, 2023 Oil on panel

Nicole M. Santiago holds a BFA in studio art from Indiana University and an MFA in painting from the University of New Hampshire. She is a Professor of Art at the College of William and Mary, where she teaches life drawing, drawing, color theory, and 2D design.

Santiago's works consist of semi-autobiographical paintings, drawings, and prints portraying mundane domestic scenes. However, she hints at a more expansive narrative, thinly veiled by the everyday detritus that clutters her painted spaces.

During her career, Santiago has exhibited widely, showing in nearly 140 exhibitions. Her works have been reproduced in many art publications, including *The Artist's Magazine, Art New England, INPA* (International Painting Annual), and *Fine Art Connoisseur*. She is the recipient of full-fellowship residencies at the Vermont Studio Center in Johnson, VT, and the Ballinglen Artist Foundation in Ballycastle, Ireland. Most recently, Santiago was awarded first prize at the Bethesda Painting Awards in Bethesda, MD.

Juror's Statement

There has been an exciting resurgence in figurative painting. As a figure painter myself, I couldn't be happier. Although painting the human form has existed since ancient times, this genre spent decades sidelined, securely secluded in the shadows. I'm grateful to the outliers who worked on the outskirts of artistic fashion, keeping the tradition alive. These artistic giants gave me passive permission to paint the subject I'm most passionate about, the figure. Maybe they did for you, too.

When I received the call to jury 14th Annual Figurative Art Exhibition, I couldn't have been more delighted. The field of submissions boasted hundreds of works that exuded originality, technical prowess, ambition, curiosity, and, most importantly, sensitivity to the figure. The competition was fierce!

As with any juried exhibition, it is a comparative process with a limit determined by the gallery's physical space. So, unfortunately, many brilliant and deserving works were not included in this year's exhibition. As an artist myself, I have received a fair number of rejections. You must remain hopeful and keep working no matter what.

To the chosen artists, CONGRATULATIONS! Your pieces stood out among a field of highly deserving works. Your works were chosen for their intellectual heft, composition, creativity, sensitivity to material, risk-taking, and beauty. So many of you bring something new and exciting to the painted human form, proving that figure painting is alive and more relevant than ever!

Nicole M. Santiago Juror

First Prize

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Aurora Abzug Philadelphia, PA *Max & Babka*, 2021 Oil on canvas



Seth Barnhart Sunbury, PA *How do you ask?*, 2023 Oil



Geoffrey Beadle Erie, PA Studio #6: Interaction #1, 2023 Oil on canvas



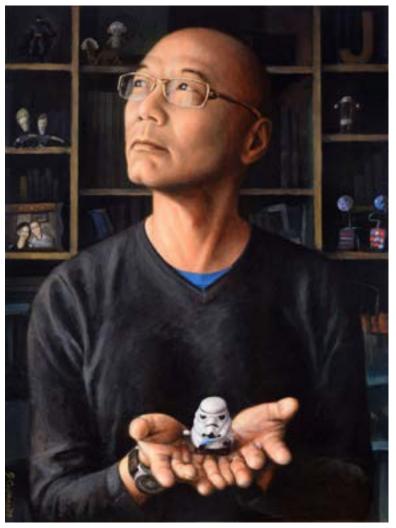
Geoffrey Beadle Erie, PA Samuel Illuminated, 2019 Charcoal and pastel on paper



Linda Brandon Phoenix, AZ *Party of One,* 2021 Oil on panel



Jovanna Briscoe Los Angeles, CA *Feral Children*, 2021 Acrylic on wood panel



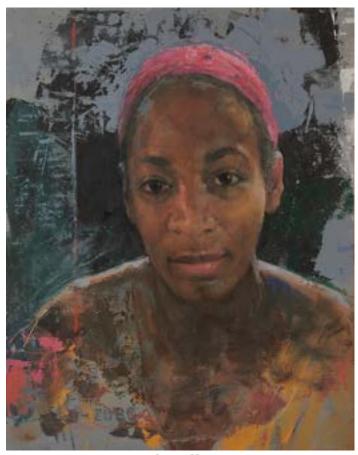
Joel Cadman
New York, NY
Portrait of
Illustrator James
Yang, 2019
Oil on canvas

Fernando Carpaneda Freeport, NY *Body Positivity*, 2023 Acrylic on canvas





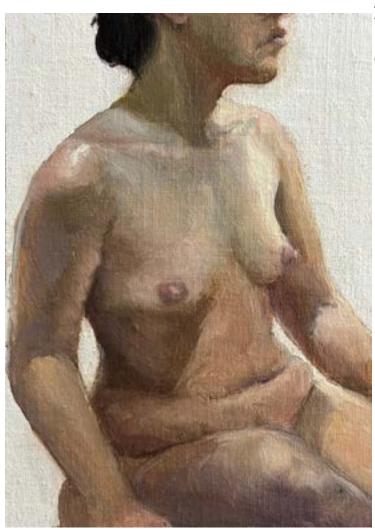
Kaylee Corbi
Lansdale, PA
I Wasn't Built for
Communal Showers,
2022
Sumi ink on
watercolor paper



Daniel Dallmann Philadelphia, PA Golden Ana Rè 4, 2020 Oil on wood panel



Daniel Dallmann Philadelphia, PA *Wall Easel with WIP*, 2023 Oil on linen



Carol Devereaux Dallas, TX *Core Study*, 2023 Oil on panel



Nicole Di Fabio Washington, DC *The Chair,* 2022 Acrylic on vellum



Rachel Foster Valley Center, KS *Lola,* 2023 Oil on canvas



Jason Franz Cincinnati, OH 2021_6_2, 2021 Ball point pen on Bristol paper



Ghislaine & Lando Fremaux-Valdez Lubbock, TX Fugitive Sheet (Sealed), 2021 Pastel and gouache on paper



Bristol, RI She took a Stand by Staying in Her Seat-Claudette Colvin, 2023 Fabric bandage mosaic on watercolor paper



Jeanette Hammerstein Bloomington, IN Self Portrait Call Room, 2022 Oil on panel



Marcellus Hammond Selinsgrove, PA Sunkissed Muse, 2023 Acrylic and textile



Jennifer Hartzler Belleville, PA *Morning and Night*, 2022 Oil on canvas



David Havrilla Monroeville, PA Goliath, 2022 Acrylic and oil on board



B. Hayden Brooklyn, NY *Blue Sheet*, 2019 Oil on canvas

B. Hayden Brooklyn, NY *Blue Bed,* 2019 Oil on canvas





Elizabeth Heller Philadelphia, PA *Portrait of A.J.,* 2022 Oil on canvas



Nicholas Hill Granville, OH Chilean Pandemic Portrait: MENOS CLASE MEDIA, 2022 Intaglio Print



David Holmgren Brooklyn, NY *Unbraiding*, 2019 Oil on board

Joseph Holsapple Thibodaux, LA *Final Cut,* 2023 Mixed media



Patricia Hutchinson Belmar, NJ *Mary and Brandon*, 2021 Oil and acrylic on canvas



Jason John Jacksonville, FL *Boy in the Well*, 2021 Oil on polyester



William Karaffa Pittsburgh, PA *Punish Me,* 2023 Oil on canvas



Anna Kell Lewisburg, PA Couple 3 (Rose Queen), 2023 Acrylic and oil on reclaimed mattress fabric



Sam Kelly Dayton, OH Sitting on her Bed, 2020 Charcoal on paper



Lisa Kovvuri Durham, NH *Ladybird,* 2023 Oil on aluminum



Alison Landry Arlington, VA You Too?, 2019 Charcoal on toned paper



Henry Louris Brooklyn, NY *Full Tilt,* 2020 Oil and enamel on canvas



Henry Louris Brooklyn, NY *As I Knew Him,* 2023 Oil on canvas



Linda Lowery Alexandria,VA *Again,* 2022 Encaustic on birch panel



Anni Matsick Boalsburg, PA *Inside/Outside*, 2021 Watercolor on paper



Anni Matsick Boalsburg, PA *Chums*, 2023 Watercolor on paper



John McKaig Williamsport, PA Beneath the Wheel, 2023 Woodcut





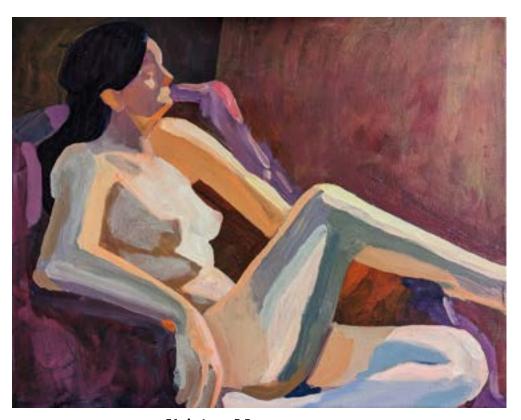
Rachel Mindrup Omaha, NE *Long Day*, 2023 Monotypes



Samantha Modder
Tampa, FL
Wearer of All Socks, 2022
Digitally manipulated ballpoint
pen, printed on adhesive paper



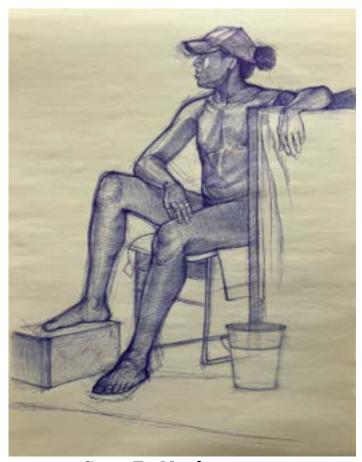
Matthew Mogle Statesboro, GA Dearly Beloved (Diptych), 2023 Oil on holographic sticker



Kristen Moore Ardmore, PA *Nude Figure*, 2023 Oil on canvas



Kristen Moore Ardmore, PA *Tired Model*, 2023 Oil on canvas



Soon Ee Ngoh Mississippi State, MS Seated, 2023 Ballpoint pen



Steven Pearson Mechanicsburg, PA Labor number 4: Hercules in Suburbia, 2023 Graphite on paper



Theresa Pfarr Ewing, NJ *Dweller*, 2023 Acrylic on canvas



Theresa Pfarr Ewing, NJ *Prospect*, 2023 Acrylic on canvas



Maxwell Roath Denver, CO *Self-Portrait*, 2023 Oil on panel



Kevin Schroeder Toledo, OH *Morning, Rose in Robe,* 2022 Charcoal and white chalk



Hili Slav Providence, RI Shai and Leon, 2022 Oil on board



Hili Slav Providence, RI *Portrait of Janice,* 2022 Oil on board



Brian Spies Williamsport, PA Country Rock, 2022 Drypoint etching



Julianne Sterling Albany, CA *Eligia Mejia Jeronimo,* 2022 Oil and graphite on panel



Judy Takacs Solon, OH *Lauralee, Balls of Silver, Nerves of Steel*, 2020 Oil on linen



Thomas Valenti New Brunswick, NJ Satur-daze, 2023

Mixed media: marker, wax colored pencil



Polina Varlamova Cary, NC *The Body Fragment*, 2020 Soft sculpture



Roger Walkup Baltimore, MD *Whoa, Whoa,* 2022 Woodcut print



Nancy Wiley Rochester, NY *Takeout*, 2022 Oil on wood

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