

JAMES MCDONALD

Group Exhibitions and Juried Shows

2025

Places and Spaces, Online Photography Show, Decagon Gallery, Brooklyn, NY
Curator: Matthew Christopher, Photographer and Educator, Hudson Valley, NY

The Curated Fridge, Online Photography Competition, Summer 2025
Curator: Karen Haas, Lane Senior Curator of Photographs, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA

Interiors, Online Photography Show, Decagon Gallery, Brooklyn, NY
Curator: Jennifer Schlesinger, Director/Owner, Obscura Gallery, Santa Fe, NM
Director's Choice Award, John Manno, Decagon Gallery, Brooklyn, NY

Leftovers, Online Photography Show, Winter 2025
Curator: Yorgos Efthymiadis, Photographer, Somerville, MA

2024

Landscapes, Online Photography Show, Decagon Gallery, Brooklyn, NY

Contemporary Realism, Online Show, Site:Brooklyn Gallery, Brooklyn, NY
Curator: Jonathan Griffin, Independent Art Critic, Los Angeles, CA

The Curated Fridge, Online Photography Competition, Autumn 2024
Curator: Kristen Gresh, Senior Curator, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA

The Curated Fridge Travels to UnBound 13, Candela Books + Gallery, Richmond, VA

The Curated Fridge, Online Photography Competition, Summer 2024
Curator: Dominique Muñoz, Photographer, Curator, Chapel Hill, NC

Central Coast Artists Collective Juried Show, Art Center Morro Bay, CA
Juror: Nic Stover, Instructor, Photographer, San Luis Obispo, CA

Liminal III, Verum Ultimum Art Gallery, Online Show, Portland, OR
Juror: Jennifer Gillia Cutshall, Gallery Owner, Portland, OR

Spring Online Exhibition, The San Diego Museum of Art Artists Guild, CA
Juror: Nancy Lim, Associate Curator, San Francisco Museum of Modern Art,
Department of Painting and Sculpture, San Francisco, CA

The Curated Fridge Travels to Cambridge Art Association at Canal Gallery, MA

The Curated Fridge, Online Photography Competition, Winter 2024
Curator: Jessica Burko, Creative Director, Photographic Resource Center, Boston,
MA

2023

Creative Expression in Photography, Clark Center, Arroyo Grande, CA
Juror: Mark Nakamura, Photographer, San Luis Obispo, CA

The Curated Fridge Travels to New York, Culture Lab LIC, Long Island City, NY

The Curated Fridge, Online Photography Competition, Summer 2023
Curator: Orestes Gonzalez, Director of Photographic Programming, Long Island
City, NY

June Bimonthly Photo Competition, Central Coast Photographic Society, San Luis
Obispo, CA
Judge: Nancy Kaye, Instructor, Photographer, Los Angeles, CA

Central Coast Artists Collective Juried Show, Art Center Morro Bay, CA
Juror: Chuck Jennings, Instructor, Photographer, San Luis Obispo, CA
Received Juror's Award, Second Place

2022

December Bimonthly Photo Competition, Central Coast Photographic Society,
San Luis Obispo, CA
Judge: Nicole Broughton, Instructor, Photographer, San Luis Obispo, CA

October Bimonthly Photo Competition, Central Coast Photographic Society, San
Luis Obispo, CA
Judge: Mark Nakamura, Instructor, Photographer, San Luis Obispo, CA

August Bimonthly Photo Competition, Central Coast Photographic Society, San
Luis Obispo, CA
Judge: Kerry Drager, Instructor, Photographer, Author, Morro Bay, CA

The Curated Fridge, Online Photography Competition, Summer 2022
Curator: Aline Smithson, Visual Artist, Educator and Editor, Los Angeles, CA

June Bimonthly Photo Competition, Central Coast Photographic Society, San Luis Obispo, CA
Judge: Theresa Jackson, Instructor, Photographer, Graphic Arts Professional, San Diego, CA

Spring Online Exhibition, San Diego Museum of Art Artists Guild, CA
Juror: G. James Daichendt, Ed.D., Vice Provost for Academic Studies, Point Loma Nazarene University, San Diego, CA

Captured (Photography), Online Exhibition, Las Laguna Art Gallery, Laguna Beach, CA

2021

Botanical Art and Illustration, Online Exhibition, Las Laguna Art Gallery, Laguna Beach, CA

Broken Nature, Art Center Morro Bay, CA

Art of Photography 2021, Online Exhibition, Prairie Village Arts Council, KS
Juror: Aaron Smith, Professor of Visual Art and Photography, Johnson County Community College, Overland Park, KS

2020

Brushstrokes 2020, Online Exhibition, San Luis Obispo Museum of Art, CA
Juror: Marcia Harvey, Instructor, Cuesta College, San Luis Obispo, CA

The Beacon Art Show, United Methodist Church, San Luis Obispo, CA
Jurors: Courtney Davis, Assistant Curator, San Luis Obispo Museum of Art; Lori Wolf, Artist and Educator, San Luis Obispo, CA; David Rao, Artist, San Luis Obispo, CA

Brushstrokes Comes to Cambria, Cambria Center for the Arts, CA

2019

Brushstrokes 2019, San Luis Obispo Museum of Art, CA
Juror: Jerry McLaughlin, Artist, Author and Educator, Oakland, CA

Through the Lens II, Art Center Morro Bay, CA
Juror: Brady Cabe, Artist and Educator, Grover Beach, CA

Local Inspiration, Art Central Gallery, San Luis Obispo, CA

A Closer Look: Small Paintings by The Painters Group, Art Central Gallery, San Luis Obispo, CA

The Beacon Art Show, United Methodist Church, San Luis Obispo, CA
Jurors: Marcia Harvey, Instructor, Cuesta College, San Luis Obispo, CA; Jack Hubbard, Photographer, San Luis Obispo, CA; Rev. Rick Uhls, Pastor, United Methodist Church, San Luis Obispo, CA

Phantom Project 17: A Juried Exhibition, SLOMA Pop-Up Gallery, San Luis Obispo, CA
Jurors: Lois Charles, Artist, San Luis Obispo, CA; George Jercich, Artist, Los Osos, CA; Christine Cortese, Artist, San Luis Obispo, CA

Insights, San Luis Obispo Museum of Art, McMeen Gallery, CA
Juror: Joanne Beale Ruggles, Professor Emeritus of Studio Art, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, CA

2018

Brushstrokes 2018, Art Center Morro Bay, CA
Juror: Peter Charles, Professor Emeritus of Art, Georgetown University, Washington DC

Through the Lens, Art Center Morro Bay, CA
Juror: Kerry Drager, Artist and Educator, Cambria, CA

The Beacon Art Show, United Methodist Church, San Luis Obispo, CA
Jurors: David Limrite, Artist and Educator, Atascadero, CA; Angela Tahti, Director, ARTS Obispo, San Luis Obispo, CA; Rev. Rick Uhls, Pastor, United Methodist Church, San Luis Obispo, CA

The Jewel Box, San Luis Obispo Museum of Art, McMeen Gallery, CA
Juror: Ruta Saliklis, PhD., Curator and Director of Exhibitions, San Luis Obispo Museum of Art, CA

Received Juror's Award of Excellence

Phantom Project 9: Drawings and Sculpture, SLOMA Pop-Up Gallery, San Luis Obispo, CA

Jurors: Larry Le Brane, Artist and Educator, San Luis Obispo, CA; David Limrite, Artist and Educator, Atascadero, CA; Robert Oblon, Artist, Arroyo Grande, CA

2017

Pushing Boundaries, Art Center Morro Bay, CA

Juror: Krista Harris, Artist and Educator, Bayfield, CO

On and Off the Wall, Art Center Morro Bay, CA

Juror: Ruta Saliklis, PhD., Curator and Director of Exhibitions, San Luis Obispo Museum of Art, CA

Brushstrokes 2017, San Luis Obispo Museum of Art, CA

Juror: David Limrite, Artist and Educator, Atascadero, CA

Present Tense: A Collaborative Artists' Book Project, San Luis Obispo Museum of Art, CA

Juror: Lisa Occhipinti, Artist, Venice, CA

2016

Paint Your Passion, San Luis Obispo Museum of Art, McMeen Gallery, CA

Juror: David Prochaska, Professor of Art, Cuesta College, San Luis Obispo, CA

Received Juror's Award of Excellence

Blue Marble, San Luis Obispo Museum of Art, CA

Juror: Patricia Watts, Founder and West Coast Curator of Ecoartspace, Springfield, MO

Brushstrokes 2016, Art Center Morro Bay, CA

Juror: Robert Burridge, Artist and Educator, Arroyo Grande, CA

1982

13th Annual Two-Dimensional Art Competition and Exhibition, San Jose Art League, CA

Jurors: Susan Kirkpatrick, Director, San Jose Institute of Contemporary Art, CA; Philip E. Linhares, Director, Mills College Art Gallery, Oakland, CA

Contemporary Statements in Art, Contemporary Exhibition Hall, Cupertino, CA

Juror: Susan Kirkpatrick, Director, San Jose Institute of Contemporary Art, CA

Beyond Words 2, San Jose Institute of Contemporary Art, CA

Jurors: Therese Heyman, Curator of Prints and Photography, Oakland Museum, CA; Carl Worth, Curator, Walnut Creek Civic Art Gallery, CA

1981

Rubicon Gallery, Los Altos, CA

1980

34th Annual Arts Festival, San Francisco Arts Commission, CA

Screening Committee: Hugh Aaronsen, Ada Garfinkel, Jean Nagy, Harry Richardson, Pedar Ronning, Stephany Steinberg