The Florence County Museum proudly presents

2022 PEE DEE REGIONAL ART COMPETITION



January 27 - April 8



JUROR'S STATEMENT

I would first like to congratulate all of the artists who submitted work to the 2022 Pee Dee Regional Art Competition. Having the courage, the voice, and the motivation to make work is truly something to be proud of. It was an honor to be asked to jury this competition, and a pleasure to get to spend time with each of these works — to admire the beauty in the detail, the technical skill, and the conceptual depth.

The jurying process is both exciting and complicated. When reviewing the works, all context, outside of the work itself, is removed. Because of this, I made all decisions based on what I could gather or understand either visually or conceptually, just by looking at the work. Several of the works are visually remarkable, and many others are compelling because of their conceptual depth. It was a wonderful experience to learn more about the perspectives of each participating artist through this process of investigation.

Through the exploration of each of the works, there were two common threads that I experienced. The works in this exhibition left me with a sense of wonder or provided me with a space for deep reflection— both are qualities that are so valuable

in this moment. The works allowed me to unearth histories, engage in rituals, and peer into the sublime, filling the gallery space with a great energy. It was an incredible experience to be moved by so many unique voices.

Weatherford's *Girl With Braids* contains great sensitivity, attention to detail, and a unique approach to portraiture. Marina Shaltout's video installation takes a strikingly different look at portraiture, asking me to rethink what it is to be a woman. Charles Clary's hand cut paper and drywall piece asks that I consider interior vs exterior as it relates to both body and mind, and similarly Borowsky's porcelain clay sculpture makes me reflect on the strength and fragility of the body.

The stellar quality of all of the artworks made the selection process incredibly difficult yet enjoyable, and I would like to thank all of artists involved for allowing me to spend time with their work. I would also like to thank Stephen Motte and the Florence County Museum for the opportunity to be part of this process.

Claudia O'Steen January 2022



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- Claudia O'Steen, Juror

Dale Weatherford *Girl with Braids* Charcoal on Roma Paper Darlington, SC



Jim Boden *Conflict 4* Oil on canvas Hartsville, SC



Charles Clary

**Radimafungle Metastcation Stage #4*

Hand cut paper and wallpaper on distressed drywall

Conway, SC



Adam Dial *Vision* India ink Latta, SC



Jim Boden *Furies* Oil on canvas Hartsville, SC



Jessica Davis *The Skin I'm In* Graphite on paper Florence, SC

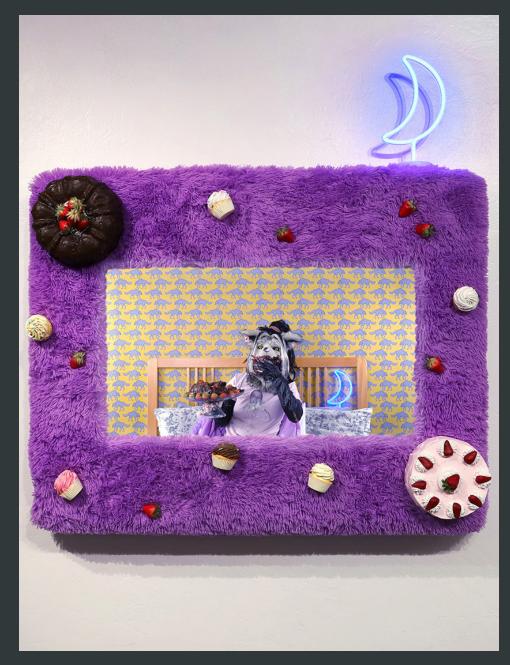


Robert Garey

Portrait of Mark Taylor

Oil on linen

Florence, SC



Marina Shaltout's video installation takes a strikingly different look at portraiture, asking me to rethink what it is to be a woman.

- Claudia O'Steen, Juror

Marina Shaltout

Ravenous

Multimedia video installation (plywood, polystyrene foam, fabric, found objects) Hartsville, SC



Douglas Gray

Arca Urn

Stoneware clay with matte wood ash glazes
Florence, SC



Douglas Gray

Cistula Urn

Stoneware clay with matte wood ash glazes
Florence, SC



Roger Halligan *Crossing Guard I*Steel, Portland Concrete products, wood, paint

Lake City, SC



Uschi Jeffcoat *A Political Garden Party* Watercolor with gold leaf Florence, SC



Uschi Jeffcoat Selfie of the Artist Watercolor Florence, SC



Treelee MacAnn **The Dense Swamp** Serigraph Myrtle Beach, SC



Charles Clary's hand cut paper and drywall piece asks that I consider interior vs exterior as it relates to both body and mind.

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Charles Clary

Cheese-a-Diddle Lamentation Movement #3

Hand cut paper and wallpaper on distressed drywall

Conway, SC



Mary McKnight

Suspension
Digital scanogram print
Hartsville, SC



Ivana Reay-Jones **Stay-at-Home Haircut** Digital photography Florence, SC



Luke Sarmiento *Crossroads* Colored pencil on panel Florence, SC



Meghan O'Connor *Rub n' Wrastle #2* Lithography, monotype Conway, SC



Alyssa Reiser Prince *Within The Clouds* Acrylic on canvas Hartsville, SC



Samantha Senig If Only You Knew Clay Myrtle Beach, SC



Borowsky's porcelain clay sculpture makes me reflect on the strength and fragility of the body.

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Elizabeth Borowsky *Entwined*Porcelain clay
Andrews, SC



Marina Shaltout **Lauren (Chatting with the Pool Boy)**Digital inkjet print on panel

Hartsville, SC



Sophia Shumaker *Tethered*Fabric and thread on canvas
Florence, SC



Deborah Smith **Sojourners** Acrylic on primed panel Georgetown, SC



Ada Smolen-Morton *Gravitas and Pathos* Ceramic sculpture and pothos Florence, SC



Ava Starnes *Growing Pain* Oil on canvas Florence, SC



Polly Turner **Over Waites Island**Charcoal, PanPastel and graphite on Rives BFK paper

Myrtle Beach, SC







DaMareeay White *Grandpa* Graphite and colored pencil Florence, SC



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