



**2023 MCGOPA OPEN JURIED EXHIBITION  
“CELEBRATE THE ARTIST”**

*Prospectus*

Exhibition Dates: Friday, March 17, 2023 to  
Wednesday, May 17, 2023

Exhibition Venue: 431 Gallery  
Upper Merion Community Center  
431 W. Valley Forge Rd.  
King of Prussia, PA 19406

Visiting Hours: Weekdays: 5 AM – 9 PM  
Weekends: 8 AM – 5 PM

Opening Reception: Sunday, March 26, 2023  
2 – 4 PM

**Awards**

Grand Prize	Solo exhibition at 431 Gallery
First Prize	\$300
Second Prize	\$200
Third Prize	\$100
Best in Photography Award	\$100
Honorable Mention (4 awards)	\$25 each

**Juror of Selection and Judge of Awards – Barbara Anne Beucar**



Barbara Beucar is a Philadelphia-based mixed media artist, educator, writer and historian. She studied at Moore College of Art and Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts. She received a BFA in Visual Art from Concordia University (Montreal, Quebec) and an M.A. in History from West Chester University (PA). Beucar served as a board member and past president of the Philadelphia Chapter of Artists Equity. She was owner of Hegira Fine Art Studio and taught drawing at the New England Design Institute in CT. Beucar was the manager of the archives and library department for the Barnes Foundation, and is currently working on politically related art projects.

Beucar has exhibited both locally and nationally. These include solo exhibitions at the New Britain Connecticut Museum of American Art, West Chester University of PA, and Ariel Gallery in New York City. Her juried exhibitions include Artists Equity’s Triennial at the Port of History Museum in Philadelphia, the Biennial at the Delaware Art Museum in Wilmington, and the Pen Women’s National Centennial Exhibition at the Sumner Museum in Washington, D.C.

**Exhibition Calendar**

Open for Entries	Wednesday, December 28, 2022
Entries Close	Wednesday, February 1, 2023
Notification of Acceptance	Wednesday, March 1, 2023
Hand Delivery of Artwork to 431 Gallery	Thursday, March 16, 2023 11 AM to 1 PM
Exhibit Opens	Friday, March 17, 2023
Reception & Award Ceremony	Sunday, March 26, 2023 2 - 4 PM
Exhibit Closes	Wednesday, May 17, 2023
Pickup Artwork	Wednesday, May 17, 2023 9 - 11 AM

**Entry Fees:****Members\*: \$ 20****Non-Members: \$ 30**

The entry fee entitles the entrant to submit three artworks for consideration, but no more than two artworks may be selected for the exhibition.

\*New membership to MCGOPA will not be considered at this time, since the application includes a jurying of the artist's body of work.

**Eligibility:**

- Open to current members of MCGOPA and non-members, 18 years or older. Membership must be paid in full through 2023 to qualify for entry fee rate of \$20.
- This exhibition is open to original 2-dimensional art in all mediums, including photography, oil, acrylic, watercolor, encaustic, monoprints, mixed media, collage, and soft or oil pastel.
- Any artwork containing AI-generated images must have it described in the labeling.
- **No 3-dimensional sculpture will be accepted.**
- Accepted artwork must **not** be exhibited concurrently with an online show.
- All work must be framed, wired and ready to hang - *no saw tooth hangers or clip frames allowed*. Exception: Gallery-wrapped canvases with a depth of 1 inch or more and have clean and/or painted edges do not require a frame.
- **Maximum Size:** The *framed* artwork cannot exceed 48" on the longest side.
- **Maximum Weight:** Artwork must weigh no more than 10 pounds.
- **Accepted artwork must be hand-delivered to 431 Gallery.**
- **Withholding:** Once accepted, works cannot be withheld from the exhibition under penalty of a two year exclusion from future juried MCGOPA exhibitions.

**Submissions:**

Digital images of artworks will be entered through the online submission program **ShowSubmit**. Go to [www.ShowSubmit.com](http://www.ShowSubmit.com) and scroll down to MCGOPA "Celebrate the Artist" Open Juried Exhibition. 'Login' or 'Register an Account' with ShowSubmit to get started.

Follow the directions for entry. Payment will be by credit card or debit card. **There will be no refunds once your entry is submitted, regardless of the status of your entry.**

If you need help with the online entry system, please contact Austin at support@ShowSubmit.com. For any other questions, please send email to Deb Northey at mcgopa\_art@yahoo.com.

## **Digital Image Preparation:**

ShowSubmit will auto-size your images for you according to our show specifications of 1500 pixels on the longest side at a resolution of 300 dpi.

- Artists are responsible for providing images with an accurate representation of their artwork.
- Digital images should be cropped to show the image of the painting only - **no mat or frame**.
- All images should be high quality jpeg (.jpg) image files. Take your photo in the largest format available and upload the larger image when possible. (ShowSubmit can reduce your image size to the correct size, but cannot upsize images that are too small.)
- ShowSubmit automatically renames all image files to LastName\_FirstInitial\_TitleofPainting.

\*If you prefer to resize your image yourself, please upload images with a size of 1500 pixels along the longest edge at 300 dpi. ShowSubmit will not resize your images if they meet the exact specification.

\*\*MCGOPA may use images of accepted work for publicity and marketing purposes.

## **Confirming Entries & Notification:**

Upon completion of your entry, you will receive a payment receipt and an Entry Completion Form with your submissions listed. Email notification of acceptance will be sent out from ShowSubmit on Wednesday, March 1, 2023.

## **Conditions for Accepted Work:**

Framed work must be wired and ready to hang – *saw tooth hangers will not be accepted.*

Framing must be professional in appearance with clean mats and no visible damage to frame, glass, or plexiglass. The back of the painting must be secured tightly and sealed when possible.

*MCGOPA reserves the right to review all hand delivered entries for conformance to the specifications outlined herein. MCGOPA reserves the right to reject any work which does not conform to entry requirements and/or does not match the accepted digital entry.*

**Hand Delivery of Accepted Work:** Artwork must be hand delivered to 431 Gallery at the Upper Merion Community Center, 431 W. Valley Forge Rd., King of Prussia, PA, on Thursday, March 16, 2023 between 11 am and 1pm.

**Sales:** Artists are encouraged to list their work for sale. If not for sale, then it should be marked as NFS. Once accepted, the price of your artwork cannot be changed. **All paintings must hang for the duration of the exhibition.**

**Commission:** MCGOPA will receive 30% of the sale price with the remaining 70% going to the artist.

**Liability:** Artists are responsible for insuring their work during this exhibition. Neither MCGOPA nor the Upper Merion Community Center will be responsible for loss, fire, burglary or any damage to artwork entered. Accepted artists will submit a signed artist agreement when art is delivered. The Artist Agreement form will be provided with the email notification of acceptance into the show.

Any work left after the close of the exhibition will be placed in storage at the artist's risk. A storage fee of \$ 5.00 per day will be applied.