



For Immediate Release

## **SUBMISSIONS UNDERWAY FOR MAJOR ISLAND ART SHOW**

Sooke, BC – March 16, 2020 – The 2020 Sooke Fine Arts Show Call to Artists is open now through June 1, and submissions are arriving daily from artists across Vancouver Island and BC's coastal islands.

This year will mark the 34th time that Sooke's SEAPARC Arena is skillfully transformed into a high-end art gallery welcoming all, from seasoned art lovers to those new to and curious about the world of art. From July 24 to August 3, the gallery showcases original works of art amidst a backdrop of live music, art demonstrations, lectures and hands-on activities for youth.

Submissions are open to anyone on BC's coastal islands creating original paintings, sculpture, photography, fibre arts, ceramics and hand-formed jewelry. Information is available on the Society's website ([sookefinearts.com](http://sookefinearts.com)).

The prestigious jury panel selected to adjudicate this year's Show will have the challenging task of choosing nearly 400 pieces of original fine art created from every imaginable material, in both traditional and contemporary fashion.

"The unique individual perspectives of each new jury keeps the show fresh and exciting every year," said Terrie Moore, Executive Director of the Sooke Fine Arts Society. "The 2020 jury is a carefully chosen trio of experienced arts professionals, well known for their extensive knowledge, their creativity and their contribution to the arts."

### **2020 Jury**

This year's carefully chosen trio of jurors will bring their expertise and passion for the arts to the Sooke Fine Arts Show. They will choose almost 400 pieces of diverse artworks from almost

**TERRY FENTON** is an established curator, museum director, writer, artist, and arts advocate. From 1972-1988 he was the Director of the Edmonton Art Gallery, where he

helped to make Edmonton a centre for both the collection and creation of art. As Director of the Leighton Foundation in Calgary he developed programs for landscape painters. Terry moved on to become the Director of the Mendel Art Gallery in Saskatoon, until moving to Victoria where he now writes extensively on art and paints in his studio.



**CATE RIMMER** is the Director/Curator of Gallery + Exhibitions at Emily Carr University in Vancouver, where she has curated numerous exhibitions. She was the founding Director/Curator of Artspeak Gallery; Curator in Residence Galerie Liane et Danny Taran du Centre des Arts Saidye Bronfman in Montreal and Director of Truck Gallery in Calgary. Rimmer was awarded the Alvin Balkin Curator's Prize in 2015. She has a MLitt in Museum and Gallery Studies from the University of St. Andrews in Scotland.



**RICK LEONG** is an Assistant Professor of Visual Arts at the University of Victoria. He obtained his MFA in 2007 from Concordia University in Montreal. Leong's artistic works are collected widely across Canada, and are included in the collections of the ALDO Group, the Canada Council Art Bank, the Art Gallery of Greater Victoria and the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts. Rick has participated in many group and solo exhibitions at various Canadian and international spaces, and has been the recipient of numerous grants from the Canada Council for the Arts.

The Sooke Fine Arts Show is a volunteer driven, community-proud event with a long history of showcasing art and culture of the region. It draws visitors from the local area, from the lower mainland, across Canada, the US and abroad to enjoy and celebrate the unique culture of Sooke and BC's coastal area.

Important Dates for Artists Deadline for Submission:

Midnight, Monday, June 1, 2020

Online Submission: [www.sookefinearts.com](http://www.sookefinearts.com)

Venue:

SEAPARC Leisure Complex

2168 Phillips Road

Sooke, BC V9Z 0Y3

Media Contact Information:

Terrie Moore, Executive Director, Sooke Fine Arts Society

250-642-7256 [sfas@sookefinearts.com](mailto:sfas@sookefinearts.com) [www.sookefinearts.com](http://www.sookefinearts.com)