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JURY SELECTED FOR MAJOR ISLAND ART SHOW; SUBMISSIONS UNDERWAY

Sooke, BC – May 12, 2021 – The 2021 Sooke Fine Arts Show Call to Artists is open now through midnight on May 25, with submissions arriving daily from artists across Vancouver Island and BC's other coastal islands. As well, the Society has confirmed three diverse and exciting BC artists for this year's jury.

This year will mark the 35th year of the Sooke Fine Arts Show (SFAS) and the second year that the show will be a virtual one. A dynamic new online gallery will welcome all viewers, from passionate art collectors to those new to and curious about the world of art. From July 23 to August 2, the virtual show, available on the Society's website (sookefinearts.com), will allow participants to move through a gallery, much like a physical art gallery, to view and purchase over 300 original art works from the comfort of their own home.

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

2021 Jury

This year's show will be adjudicated by a jury panel of some of BC's best and most experienced arts professionals, all well-known for their knowledge, creativity, and their contribution to the arts. Emily Hermant, Carey Newman (H̱ayalkangame'), and John Stuart Pryce will review and choose over 300 art pieces for the show and determine the pieces for SFAS 2021 awards and special recognition.

For juror John Stuart Pryce the adjudication process involves paying attention to an artist's capability in drawing, composition, and colour theory. Pryce further suggests that artists submit pieces which have captured the moment rather than what might be popular. Juror Emily Hermant, who is Associate Professor in the Audain Faculty of Art at Emily Carr University of Art + Design says, "I'm looking forward to the "surprises" in submissions, and to seeing what kinds of practices artists are engaging in, especially given the current conditions we are all living through with this pandemic."



EMILY HERMANT is Associate Professor in the Audain Faculty of Art at Emily Carr University of Art + Design and an interdisciplinary artist whose work explores themes of communication, gendered labor, technology, and craft. Her work has been exhibited widely in Canada and the United States, and has been featured in ArtSlant, Espace Sculpture, and TimeOut Chicago.



CAREY NEWMAN - H̱AYALKANGAME' – grew up in Sooke and is the Audain Professor of Contemporary Art Practice of the Pacific Northwest at the University of Victoria and a multi disciplinary artist and master carver of Kwakwaka'wakw, Coast Salish, and Settler ancestry. Through his works, most notably "The Witness Blanket", he strives to highlight Indigenous, social and environmental issues, examine the impacts of colonialism and capitalism, and harness the power of material truth to trigger the necessary emotion to drive positive change.



JOHN STUART PRYCE - received his art training through the Beal Tech in London, Ontario, and the Ontario College of Art. As a graphic designer and illustrator in Toronto, Montreal and Chicago, he has worked with some of the world's leading architectural firms. Pryce was the co-founder of Plein-Air Canada, and over the last 40 years, he has taught numerous classes & workshops in a variety of drawing & painting mediums. His works are exhibited throughout Canada, the U.S, and Europe.

The Sooke Fine Arts Show can be experienced through the website - www.sookefinearts.com - from July 23 to August 2. Tickets for Purchasers' Preview Night on July 22 will be available for \$25 starting May 31, also at www.sookefinearts.com.

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Important Dates

- Deadline for SFAS art submissions: Midnight, Tuesday, May 25, 2021. For submission information and details see www.sookefinearts.com
- Purchasers' Preview Night: July 22, 2021. Tickets on sale May 31, 2021 at www.sookefinearts.com
- Sooke Fine Arts Show: July 23 through August 2, 2021, online through www.sookefinearts.com

About us

The Sooke Fine Arts Society encourages and promotes a greater understanding and appreciation of the arts by organizing the annual Sooke Fine Arts Show, as well as hosting public learning opportunities to demonstrate artistic techniques and expertise. The mission of Sooke Fine Arts Society is to foster the role art plays in the region's heritage, culture, economy, and community spirit.

Learn more

For more information about the Sooke Fine Arts Show and events, please visit: www.sookefinearts.com

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