



“The Enduring Triumph of Realism”

**Academic Artists Association
73rd Annual National
Exhibition
of Traditional Realism
May 21 – June 18, 2023**

Thursday - Sunday, 1 to 5 PM

Arts Center East

709 Hartford Turnpike, Vernon, CT ~ 860-871-8222

Opening Reception

Sunday, May 21, 2023, 1 to 4 PM

Awards announced at 3 PM

Over \$7,500.00 in Awards

Best in Show \$1200.00

Awards Judge – Del-Bourree Bach

Contemporary realist Del-Bourree Bach is a well-respected judge of regional and national exhibitions. He is known for his striking and almost tactile depictions of man and nature.

Dates to Remember

Date/Time	Action	Notes
March 25, 2023	Entry deadline	entrythingy
March 26 - April 7, 2023	Jury of acceptance	
April 8, 2023	Posting of accepted entries www.AcademicArtistsAssociation.org	
May 12, 2023	Shipped artwork must be received by	See address below
May 14, 2023, 10am-2pm	In Person, hand delivered drop off Art Center East	Upstairs Gallery
May 21, 2023, 1pm-4pm	Academic Artists Association show opens/reception	Awards at 3pm
June 18, 2023, 4-6pm	Exhibition closes, Artwork Pickup	pickup 4-6pm
June 19, 2023, 10-2pm	Artwork pick-up	See below

Hand-delivered artwork receiving: Sunday, May 14th, 10am-2pm at Arts Center East, 709 Hartford Turnpike, Vernon, CT 06066

Shipped work must be received by Friday, May 12. See shipping instructions below.

Artwork pickup: Sunday, June 18, 4-6pm (preferred) or Monday, June 19, 10-2pm at Arts Center East

More Information: www.AcademicArtistsAssociation.org

Digital Entry

Submit your work by clicking the "Submit" button on the Academic Artists Association website and following the instructions.

Two digital submissions allowed per artist. No more than one will be accepted. JPEG format only, minimum of 1200 pixels in largest dimension (2000 pixels recommended).

Entry Fee

First entry: members - **\$5**, non-members - **\$45**

Second Entry: **\$10** (member or non-member)

Entry fees will be collected as part of the online submission process and may be paid by credit card. **Member dues must be paid separately and in advance (if applicable).**

Eligibility & Media Requirements

Open to all living U.S. artists. Any original representational art in the categories of Oils, Acrylics, Watercolors, Graphics, Pastels and Sculpture will be considered - Casein and Egg Tempera will be judged with Acrylics. Submissions must have been completed within the past five (5) year period. **Two submissions allowed per artist.** A maximum of one work per artist will be accepted. Submissions must be the artist's original composition. Photographs, Giclée's or Digital Prints, artwork done in a class or under an instructor's guidance are not allowed. Your entry constitutes your permission to reproduce your artwork in our catalog and PR materials.

Membership in Academic Artists Association

Any artist whose work has been accepted in two (2) Academic Artists Association National Exhibitions, in a five (5) year period, automatically becomes a member.

NOTE: Dues of **\$35** must be renewed annually to maintain membership. Members whose dues lapse will be dropped from the membership list until all past dues are paid or the artist re-qualifies. The membership year is Jan. 1-Dec. 31. Membership dues may be paid via [PayPal](#) or by sending a check > **Payable to Academic Artists Association**

Mail to:

Sam Dupuis
13 Rockland Drive
Enfield, CT 06082

Frame Requirements

Framed work **MUST NOT** exceed **40 inches in width** including frame - **STRICTLY ENFORCED**. All work must be framed/prepared to professional standards and wired for hanging. No saw-tooth hangers allowed. Works on paper should be framed under glass or acrylic (Plexiglas).

Sculpture

Weight limit is **75 pounds**. Sculpture must be fully assembled. Two (2) or more views must be submitted with complete description, size, weight and medium on all digital entries. A limited number of sculpture stands will be available for use. Artists are encouraged to supply their own stand.

Shipped Work

A \$50 handling fee (check payable to Letterpress Arts) and a pre-paid, return addressed shipping label must be included.

Send shipped entries to:

Letterpress Arts:

13 Rockland Drive

Enfield, CT 06082

Shipped work **MUST BE** received by **May 12, 2023**

No COD's Accepted.

Arts Center East will **NOT** accept shipped work.

For questions related to shipping only:

860-745-3608 or email: samdupuis45@outlook.com

There is a **75** pound limit, including crate, for any shipped work.

Plexiglas is recommended for shipped artwork.

We are not responsible for broken glass. Framed work **MUST NOT** exceed **40 inches in width**, including frame - **STRICTLY ENFORCED**.

Pack well in a reusable carton. Submitting artist will be responsible for any additional costs if packing material and container are not adequate for return shipping. Any insurance desired by the artist from the time of shipping to the time returned should be purchased by the artist from his/her own insurance company.

Artwork Removal

Art pickup begins on **Sunday, June 18th when the show closes and is the preferred time** for pickup. All entries must be removed from Arts Center East no later than **Monday, June 19, 2023, by 2 PM**. Artwork not removed is subject to a storage fee of **\$10 per day**. Artwork not picked up after **60 days** will become the property of Academic Artists Association. Shipped work will be returned as soon after the end of the show as possible.

Liability

Neither the Academic Artists Association, nor its agents, will be responsible for loss or damage while artwork is on display, in storage, or in transit. All reasonable care will be taken, but Academic Artists Association accepts no liability whatsoever, in any form, resulting from the entry, acceptance or rejection of exhibits or from any other matter connected with the Exhibition. Entry to this show constitutes permission to photograph your work for catalog or publicity purposes. Submission to this Exhibit signifies acceptance of these terms.

Sales

A 20% commission will be retained on all sales. If work is listed N.F.S., value must be given.

More Information

www.AcademicArtistsAssociation.org

For questions about the 2023 Academic Artists Association Exhibit, please contact: Glenn Murray at 413-531-4050, glennmurray@comcast.net

Annual Meeting

Open to all Members and Interested Parties.

Date and location to be announced and posted at www.AcademicArtistsAssociation.org