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Call for Entries: 2017 DuMA Biennial

DUBUQUE, Iowa (December 30, 2016) – The [Dubuque Museum of Art](#) (DuMA) is accepting entries for the 2017 DuMA Biennial, a popular and highly competitive, juried art exhibition.

Staged every two years, the DuMA Biennial showcases the quality and diversity of contemporary art produced throughout the Tri-State area and the extended region. The exhibition has been recognized as a premier opportunity for early and mid-career artists who are actively producing and presenting new work. The 2017 Biennial will be on view at DuMA from May 27 – August 20.

Artists 18 years of age and older who currently reside within a 200-mile radius of Dubuque, Iowa are invited to apply. All artistic media will be considered; however, all entries must have been created within the past two years. Additional eligibility and application requirements can be found in the complete [Call to Entry](#). The deadline for entries to be received [online](#) is Sunday, March 5, 2017, 11:59 PM.

This year's juror is Amanda C. Burdan, Ph.D., Associate Curator of the Brandywine River Museum of Art in Chadds Ford, Pennsylvania. Ms. Burdan most recently curated the major traveling exhibition, *Rural Modernism*, which includes Grant Wood's iconic painting *Appraisal*, on loan from the Carnegie-Stout Public Library in Dubuque (which maintains a long-term loan agreement with the Dubuque Museum of Art).

Past DuMA Biennial jurors have included Jim Welu, director emeritus of the Worcester Art Museum in Worcester, Massachusetts; and Jane Milosch, director of the Smithsonian

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Artists selected for the 2017 Biennial will be eligible for cash prizes, purchase awards and recognition, to be announced by Ms. Burdan at a public reception at DuMA on Friday, June 2, 2017. Awards include: Best in show: \$1000; Second place: \$500; Third place: \$250. The juror also has the option of awarding Honorable Mention recognitions.

The DuMA Biennial region encompasses many smaller to mid-sized cities, as well as large metropolitan areas, and includes (but is not limited to) the communities of: Ames, Des Moines, Fort Dodge and Marshalltown in Central Iowa; Charles City, Clear Lake and Mason City in North Central Iowa; Cedar Falls, Decorah, Oelwein, Waterloo and Waverly in Northeast Iowa; Burlington, Cedar Rapids, Clinton, Fairfield, Iowa City, Maquoketa, and the Quad Cities of Bettendorf, Davenport, Moline, and Rock Island in Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois; La Crosse, Madison, Milwaukee, and Platteville in Wisconsin; Albert Lea, Rochester and Winona in Minnesota; and Chicago, Peoria and Rockford in Northern Illinois.

The 2017 DuMA Biennial marks the sixth edition in a series begun in 2003. The 2015 DuMA Biennial was the most competitive in the event's history, with 48 artists and 59 works of art selected from among 176 artists and 508 submissions.

Questions regarding the Call to Entry prospectus may be directed to info@dbqart.com or (563) 557-1851.

About the Dubuque Museum of Art

The Dubuque Museum of Art (DuMA), founded in 1874 and accredited by the American Alliance of Museums in 2004, is Iowa's oldest cultural institution. Named a national affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution in 2016, DuMA's mission is to excite, engage and serve diverse communities within the Tri-State area through our collections, exhibitions and educational programs. We connect generations of people to their cultural heritage and exceptional art.

DuMA is located across from Washington Park in historic downtown Dubuque at 7th and Locust Streets. Museum hours are Tuesday–Friday 10:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M., Saturday & Sunday 1:00 P.M.-4:00 P.M. Daily Admission: \$6 Adults, \$5 Seniors, \$3 College/University Students, free for

kids every day, and free to all on Thursdays thanks to Prudential Financial. For more information, visit www.dbqart.com.

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