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Strathmore Presents Baltimore Watercolor Society's Signature Members; Past Process.

8 galleries, 53 artists create works in watercolor, ceramic, printmaking, papermaking, photography, and more in Strathmore's winter exhibitions.

NORTH BETHESDA, MD – Baltimore Watercolor Society: Signature Members Exhibition original works are on view in the Mansion at Strathmore from Saturday, January 16 through Saturday, March 13, 2021. The Baltimore Watercolor Society is one of the oldest art organizations in America devoted entirely to watercolor and watermedia. Strathmore presents the society's distinguished Signature Members, who explore a variety of surfaces, tools, and techniques. The exhibition was juried by notable artist Gavin Glakas, whose paintings are in the collections of the United States Capitol, the House of Representatives Armed Forces Committee, Georgetown University, The Society of the Four Arts in Palm Beach, and the Ratner Museum in Bethesda, as well as numerous private collections. Glakas gave awards for first place *to St. Nicholas and the Wedding of the Three Sisters* by Christine Duke; second place to *Keys and Glass* by Karen Norman, and third place to *Clang Clang Clang* by Deb Cohan. Honorable Mentions were awarded for: *On a Mission* by Kathy Daywalt, *Oranges for J. Albers* by Gloria Tseng Fischer, and *Lucern, Switzerland* by Antonia Tiu. The Life Artist Award went to *Georgetown University from Key Bridge* by Barry Lindley.

The Gudelsky Gallery Suite, Second Floor

In *Past Process* curator Gabrielle Tillenburg assembles four artists who rely on memory, history, and tradition to explore their relationship to the past in paper, print, fiber, and ceramics. Serena Faye Feingold, a painter and ceramist from Branford, Connecticut, employs a historic technique, majolica, to reveal personal scenes from her family's past. Ben Iluzada, who lives and works in Philadelphia, uses traditional motifs and family photographs in his papermaking, collage and artist books. Alanna Reeves, an artist based in Washington, DC, combines her photography and embroidery along with painting and printmaking to convey hazy accounts and connections to family and Jamaica. Ashley M. Freeby of Topton, Pennsylvania takes inspiration from family garden plots and a grandmother's quilt pattern for her textiles, artist book, and works on paper.

All reflect on personal narratives by turning to the past, referencing their own memories, heritage, history, or tradition in their artistic practice. Drawing upon objects, places, childhood, and stories passed down through generations, each artist's process involves multiple ties to varying times and places. Their interpretations, recollections, and representations of the past transcend the typical linear method of accounting time. The resulting work is not documentary, artifact, nor historical account but rather a method of understanding, making sense of, and representation of their own personal narratives as they relate to the past and now, present.

For more information, visit <u>www.strathmore.org</u>. Masks are required to visit the Mansion, and Strathmore has special procedures for the comfort of guests. Read more about these precautions and protocols at <u>www.strathmore.org/mansion</u>.

Current Mansion at Strathmore Hours

Includes the Galleries and Shop at Strathmore Wednesday: 12–4pm Thursday: Private appointment only, schedule online. Friday: 12–4pm Saturday: 12–4pm Sunday–Tuesday: Closed

About Strathmore

Strathmore presents and produces exemplary visual and performing arts programs for diverse audiences; creates dynamic arts education experiences; and nurtures creative ideas and conversations that advance the future of the arts. The Mansion at Strathmore is located at 10701 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda, MD, one half-mile north of the Capital Beltway and immediately adjacent to the Grosvenor-Strathmore station on Metro's Red Line. For further information or tickets, call (301) 581-5100 or visit www.strathmore.org.

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