

# **LAA** FT ARTISTS ASSOCIATION

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## **CALL FOR ARTISTS:**

**The Loft Artists Association Presents**

**“Visual Narratives”**

**4th Annual Tri-State Juried Exhibition**

**August 26 - September 24, 2017**

**Award Ceremony and Reception: September 8, 2017**

**575 Pacific Street, Stamford, CT 06902**

**Deadline for entries: July 24, 2017**

*All artists create visual languages to convey narratives and concepts that are important to them. These languages establish a formal construct which can be representational or abstract. As such they create a unique way of communicating ideas. Historically, artists have used their personal lexicon to express religious, political, historical or spiritual ideas. Some famous artists who have created their own discourse around visual narratives include Hieronymus Bosch, Pieter Bruegel, David Salle, Kiki Smith, and Louise Bourgeois. Other artists who use an abstract approach to creating their dialogue, include Eva Hesse, Barnett Newman, Joseph Albers, and Lee Bontecou. Contemporary artists can reference the real world directly or they can create a singular language devised, codified, presented, performed, and understood only by the artist themselves and their followers. The show Visual Narratives explores these artistic imagined and created world views, lexicons, and visual languages, which are at the heart of this exhibition. Participating artworks are considered from all media.*

**Juror: Katerina Lanfranco**, is the Chief Curator at Trestle Gallery in Brooklyn, New York, and Founder of Rhombus Space, an exhibition venue established in 2013. She is also a Brooklyn-based artist who makes paintings, drawings, sculptures, and mixed media installations. Through her studio practice, she explores the intersection between nature, science, and fantasy in her art. Her work is represented by the Nancy Hoffman Gallery, and is in the permanent collections of the Museum of Modern Art, the Kupferstichkabinett (Museum of Prints and Drawings) in Berlin, and the Corning Museum of Glass. She teaches studio art at museums and institutions of higher learning throughout New York City. She has been awarded several artist residencies including a six-month Creative Artist Fellowship in Kyoto, Japan through the Japan/US Friendship Commission. She is thrilled to be working with the Loft Artists Association as our 2017 guest juror.

Now in its 39th year, the Loft Artists Association is a non-profit organization of professional working artists dedicated to building connections within the visual arts community and offering many artistic and educational opportunities to the public, free of charge. As an established cultural institution, their grassroots events attract thousands of visitors throughout the tri-state area and have been recognized by funding agencies, including the Connecticut Commission on the Arts, corporate and private sponsors, the City of Stamford and by visitors who return year after year.

### **Entry Requirements- Please read carefully:**

#### **Eligibility:**

- Open to all artists, 18 years and older, residing in the Tri-State area (Connecticut, New York and New Jersey)
- Media: drawing, painting, photography, digital art and mixed media. Three dimensional work must be accompanied by a pedestal or base upon delivery of art. work must be original (no giclee prints) and have been completed within the last three years.

#### **Specifications:**

- Works must be framed (or have exhibition quality finished edges) with screw-eyes and wire attached ready for hanging.
- Maximum dimensions: 48" wide x 72" high
- Minimum dimensions: 16" x 20" framed; **no smaller than 16' in any dimension**
- 3D work: maximum dimensions: 5' high and 24" wide including base, which must be provided. An installation photograph must be provided upon acceptance for work that needs to be installed by artist. Artist must be available for installation after juror places work.
- Work not meeting specifications will be disqualified.
- No substitution of accepted works will be installed.

#### **Entry Fees:**

The non-refundable entry is \$35.00 for the first entry and \$5.00 for each additional entry up to five. Payment to be made through PayPal at time of entry.

#### **Deadline Date:**

Entries must arrive no later than Monday, July 24th, 2017.

#### **Entry Instructions:**

Submitting entries for jurying will all be done through our website, [loftartists.com](http://loftartists.com). On our home page, you will see a heading that says "2017 Open Juried Show". That is the portal to our electronic entry system called **EntryThingy**. There is a form to sign up and log in, with videos explaining the process. All of the information for submitting will be posted there, and the interface is extremely simple. Payment is made there, through PayPal, at the same time.

#### **Awards:**

Cash awards totaling \$1000 will be presented at the opening reception. Awards will be made, by the juror, from the actual work, not jpeg.

**Liability:**

The Loft Artists Association will not be responsible for loss or damage of any kind for any entry submitted. The Loft Artists Association will exercise care in handling all entries. Each artist must carry their own insurance for shipping and handling during exhibition. Submitting work to this exhibit implies agreement on the part of the artist to the conditions set forth above.

**Agreement:**

Submitting an entry to this exhibition constitutes an agreement with all conditions of this exhibition and prospectus. Loft Artists Association assumes the right to photograph and use accepted works for documentation, education or publicity purposes.

**Sales:**

20% of all sales will be retained by the Loft Artists Association. All works must be available for sale and will be sold at the price indicated on the entry form only. Loft Artists Association will not permit changes in prices upon acceptance.

**Delivery:**

Accepted work should be hand delivered to the Loft Artist Gallery, 575 Pacific Street, Stamford, CT on the dates and times listed below. Accepted work which cannot be hand delivered can be shipped to an address which we will provide at the time, and must include prepaid return shipping documents.

**Notification:**

For notification, please see our website: [loftartists.com](http://loftartists.com) for a listing of accepted work after 8/12/17.

**Dates to Remember:**

July 24	Submission deadline
August 12	Notification of acceptance/decline via LAA website
August 19, 20	Hand delivery of work 1:00 – 4:30 PM
August 21	Hand delivery of work 5:00 - 7:30 pm
September 8:	Artists Reception 6:00 - 8:00 pm
September 24:	Artwork to be picked up by artist 4:30 – 7 PM
September 25:	Artwork to be picked up by artists 3:00 –7 PM

Artwork picked up by anyone other than the artist must have written authorization. LAA cannot assume responsibility for artwork not picked up after September 25th. Artist must contact Loft Artists Association prior to pick-up to make any special arrangements.

**For additional information: [laajuriedshow@gmail.com](mailto:laajuriedshow@gmail.com)**