35 Cape Cod Artists Interpret

Sensory Overload

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Welcome to Sensory Overload

The New Year always represents a blank canvas, a challenge that artists consistently and eagerly embrace.

And so it was when we put the call out to painters, photographers, potters, sculptors, and more last fall, asking them to interpret the concept of “sensory overload” for our 2018 Winter Art Exhibit.

We received a total of 65 submissions, representing every community on Cape Cod. From the beginning of January to the beginning of February, 35 artists and more than 40 pieces embodying this theme will be displayed at the Cotuit Center for the Arts.

At no point in our hurried society, when technology is almost always at our fingertips, may this theme be more apropos; as such, the phrase “sensory overload” may carry negative connotations. But if this exhibit, now in its 11th year, has taught us anything, it’s that each of us has our own unique, distinct view of the world and concepts such as this one.

To a dog, as depicted in artist Kenneth Hawkey’s “Sights and Scents in a Woodland Border,” sensory overload may represent one of life’s pleasures.

To a young girl sitting in a sparsely-decorated doctor’s office, as depicted in Amy Davies’ “Waiting,” sensory overload may represent a combination of the external discomfort of an air conditioner blasting cold air overhead and the internal anxiety of the medical prognosis that awaits.

Or, like it is for many of us, sensory overload may be less concrete and more abstract, like in Juror’s Choice Winner Nate Olin’s “Paris 11/13.” An assortment of colors and shapes come together to create something hauntingly beautiful and profound. As Olin describes, it’s a painting that “remains a basic under painting – as unresolved and resolved as the moments that led to its creation.”

“Paris 11/13” serves as metaphor of who we are as humans - continuously a work in progress, forever unfinished. Embedded in each of the pieces found in this year’s exhibit is our connection to its theme. As you view the exhibit, I encourage you to consider how sensory overload applies to your own life.

May we all use art to better understand ourselves and the world around us in 2018.

Julie Wake
Executive Director

P.S. The AFCC’s Winter Art Exhibit would not be possible without the generosity of our Patrons who understand the important role that arts and culture have not only on the Cape, but on each one of us individually. In 2017, we set AND reached our goal of having 100 Patrons by the end of the year. With your support, we can double that number in 2018!

Special thanks to our Sensory Overload Jurors

Kathryn Kayajan is a trained architect and textile designer. Based in New York City, Kayajan has strong ties to Cape Cod as she attended Barnstable High School. She went on to study at The School of the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston and Parsons School of Design, where she studied architecture.

In 2003, Kayajan launched Ferran Textiles with designs from her own signature artwork. Today, her beautiful line of textiles is carried at John Roselli & Associates. Ferran began as an accessories company, and it was not until Lilly Pulitzer contracted her as a consultant for their accessories line that an opportunity presented itself to learn about textile design and production.

Meghan C Murray is an emerging painter, illustrator, and designer. She is a recent graduate of Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs, New York, where she earned a Bachelor of Science in Studio Art and Arts Administration and received extensive training in color, figure drawing, water-based media, painting, and art history.

Murray works in watercolors and traditional oils to explore portraiture. She seeks to represent the intimacy of human relationships and social issues, evident in her Presence painting series, which deals with issues of mental health and the aging process, and her most recent series about relationships, titled Selfless, which she completed during a year-long residency at the Emerson Umbrella in Concord, Massachusetts.

Sensory Overload through music and theater:

Vana Trudeau of the Tilden Arts Center at Cape Cod Community College presents, selections from “Too Much Light Makes the Baby Go Blind: 30 Plays in 60 Minutes” by Greg Allen, performed by an ensemble from the Arts Center.

Ir Maria is a free jazz composition, reflective of the five stages of a hurricane’s passing: Prelude, Storm, Eye, Fury, & Aftermath. The piece was conceived while Hurricane Irma was ripping through the Virgin Islands in September, 2017. It is dedicated to all those who suffered the wrath of both Irma and Maria on Puerto Rico and the Lesser Antilles islands.

Performing with Bert Jackson are bassist Rich Hill and drummer David Dillon, all veterans of the Cape Cod music community.
Much of the artwork in this exhibit is for sale. Prices are listed. Proceeds will benefit the artist, the Arts Foundation of Cape Cod and Cotuit Center for the Arts. To purchase artwork, please contact the Arts Foundation of Cape Cod at 508-362-0066, ext. 115 or info@artsfoundation.org.
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