



All ready to go on opening day of Central Washington Artists' Exhibition November 6, 2021 with the Yakima Valley Vintners.

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66th Annual Central Washington Artists' Exhibition

Celebrating its 66th year at the Larson Gallery, the Central Washington Artists' Exhibition showcases the most current and innovative artwork being produced in this region. The juror for this exhibition was Ryan James, gallery director and art consultant at ryan james fine arts. Founded in 2011 by James, he was joined by business partner Jessica Kravitz in 2014. Located in Kirkland, ryan james fine arts showcases artists' specializing in abstract, modern and conceptual arts.

The call for artists was mailed out this summer with a deadline of September 23. One hundred artists submitted 243 pieces, a record number for this exhibition. The juror selected 67 pieces representing 53 artists.

Said James: "I love judging shows for the opportunity to see what new ideas and techniques show up. The artworks submitted came in all forms, styles, media and imaginations. There were many works of quality, which makes any exercise, judgmental or otherwise, pleasurable. Good technique and design are fundamental to making great art.

He wrote in his juror's statement that the "artists ventured beyond the boundaries of traditional processes, some using new digital photographic processes, some creating sculptures or textiles incredibly complex, some meticulously creating forms, others utilizing paint as their expression. Now, more than ever, art has taken a role in our everyday lives as a place for reprieve and expression. A true feast for the eyes, these artists working across media blur the boundaries between the familiar and the unconventional, resulting in a selection of works that reveal a narrative steeped in personal experience."



Wile E by Justin Gibbens

Islamic Art Society Exhibition

Engaging

According to the mission statement of the Islamic Art Society, "Art is a common language and binds diverse communities." With this exhibit, that ran from September 25 to October 30, visitors were able to see a variety of different content and media from artists across the United States and Canada.

The flagship event for the Society is the Islamic Arts Festival in Houston that is attended by over 5000 people every year. The Arts Festival brings people from diverse cultures, faiths and backgrounds together for a day of learning, fun and festivity. It was through attending this festival, that David Lynx arranged to bring artwork to Yakima.

The last day of the exhibition, members of the Larson Gallery Guild cast their ballots for an artwork that would become part of the permanent collection. The winner? *Muhammad (PBUH)* by Mussarat Arif.



Jacob Lawrence

3 Series of Prints: GENESIS – TOUSSAINT L'OUVERTURE – HIROSHIMA

January 27 - March 5, 2022

This exhibition features 26 graphic works from three important series of prints done by Jacob Lawrence between 1971-1997. Since his first published print in 1963, Jacob Lawrence produced a body of prints that is both highly dramatic and intensely personal. In his graphic work, as in his paintings, Lawrence turned to the lessons of history and to his own experience. From depictions of civil rights confrontations to scenes of daily life, these images present a vision of a common struggle toward unity and equality, a universal struggle deeply seated in the depths of the human consciousness. In conjunction with this exhibit, the Larson Gallery is developing a mobile tour with the Yakima Valley College Universal Design initiative aimed at assistance for Spanish speaking visitors and visitors with disabilities.



Larson at Seasons Brent Whitmire

The Seasons Performance Hall's Gallery Bistro, in partnership with Larson Gallery is currently showing the photography of Brent Whitmire. The Gallery Bistro is open Thursday - Saturday 5:00PM to 9:00PM and for post show gathering, cocktails, and desserts.



Fresh Air Art Celebration

The first Fresh Air Art Celebration was a success on July 24, 2021 with 41 artists! The Larson Gallery Guild is working on next year's event, which will take place in 2022. We intend to send out a call to artists in January. The committee hopes to expand the number of artists and add a wine and beer garden.



Sally Fitch Part 2

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the sale of clothing, jewelry, hats, and baskets from around the world. We still have some items left, so we will be offering them for sale on December 18 from 12-5. Proceeds from this sale benefit Larson Gallery and Yakima Valley Museum.

2021 Annual Gift for Art

Thank you to our generous and caring donors:

The Larson Gallery Guild is grateful to the annual fund donors that support the Larson Gallery!

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Santa Claus

Better watch out!

Meet the jolly man himself! On December 18 from 12–4 pm, Santa will be at the Larson Gallery. Remember to bring your camera, as he will be available for photos.

It's a perfect way to kick off the holiday season, and our gift shop is just the spot to discover treasures for friends and family, including:

- Ceramics and pottery (including cozy winter mugs!) by Mike Hiler
- Rustic Yakima Valley-inspired handcrafted jewelry by Cydney Bacon
- Sophisticated ceramic bowls, cups, and more by Bernadette Crider
- Whimsical ring boxes and wood sculptures by Pat and Karen Miller
- German-style traditional smokers (incense burners) by John Barany
- Intricate adult coloring books by Kate Bowditch
- Handpicked books for all ages, from art guides to children's picture books
- Stocking stuffers galore: fun pins featuring famous art, art kits, beaded bracelets, and more

Shop, enjoy hot cocoa and cookies from the Yakima Valley Vintners next door, and usher in the holidays with family and friends at the Larson Gallery.

