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ANTON ART CENTER TO HOST TWO NEW EXHIBITS IN JANUARY: 54TH ANNUAL STATEWIDE ART COMPETITION AND JURIED MACOMB COUNTY ART SHOW

Mount Clemens, Mich. – January at the Anton Art Center will kick off the year with two brand new exhibitions set to take over the Center's two gallery floors open through February 27, 2027.

Michigan Art Competition Returns

The Center's first floor will showcase '*Michigan Annul LIV*', the 54th annual prestigious statewide fine art competition and exhibition featuring a new guest juror each year. Submissions are accepted now through January 6, 2027. Artists interested in entering their work to compete for $2,000 in cash awards may find more information at www.theartcenter.org/artist-opportunities.

'Michigan Annual LIV' is juried by Christopher Schneider (www.schneida.com). Schneider is an artist, gallery director, adjunct professor, art installer, and business owner. He grew up in Nebraska, lived in Florida, and then found his way to the Detroit area in 2001 to attend graduate school at Cranbrook Academy of Art. He went on to work at Cranbrook for many years, founded and directs Hatch Art in Hamtramck, and has continued teaching photography at several area colleges. As an artist, he creates photo-based work, sculptures, assemblage, readymade objects, comics, and mixed media.

The exhibition is open January 30 through February 27, with a public Opening Reception and Awards Announcement on Saturday, January 30 from 1-3pm, with refreshments provided by the Omega Chapter of Michigan of the Delta Kappa Gamma International Society (dkgmichigan.org).

The Center's second floor gallery will feature *Material Matters,* a juried exhibit of over forty original artworks by members of five local artist groups: the Lakeside Palette Club of St. Clair Shores, Mount Clemens Art Association, Romeo Guild of Art, Shelby Township Fine Art Society, and Warren Tri-County Fine Arts, Inc. Artists interested in entering up to two works to be juried may join or be an existing member one of the participating artist groups by

delivery day on January 13, 2027, 12-5pm. Details at www.theartcenter.org/artist-opportunities.

This competition is juried by Jeremy Noonan (www.noonanstudio.com). Noonan is a textile designer, visual artist, and educator whose work explores the intersection between digital technologies and traditional craft techniques. He currently serves as a Professor and Section Lead of Fiber and Textiles in the Department of Studio Art and Craft at the College for Creative Studies.

The exhibition is open January 23 through February 27, with a public Opening Reception and Awards Announcement on Saturday, January 23 from 1-3pm, with refreshments provided by featured participating artist groups listed above.

Admission is free and open to the public with gallery hours Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10am to 5pm. The Anton Art Center is located at 125 Macomb Place, Mount Clemens, MI 48043. Metered parking is available via ParkMobile app or kiosk at 50 cents per hour; parking is free after 6pm and weekends.

Visit us online at www.theartcenter.org or call 586-469-8666 for more information. The Art Center is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with a mission to provide access to experiences that enrich all people through creative expression.

The Art Center was founded in 1969 in the historic Carnegie Library building in walkable downtown Mount Clemens, Michigan. Our funders include the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan, Kresge Foundation, and Erb Family Foundation.

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‘Material Matters’ Sample Images



’Material Matters’ exhibit graphic.



‘Material Matters’ juror, Jeremy Noonan.



Gallery view, Second Floor Gallery, Anton Art Center.



A Patient Man by Albert Krakosky III, 2026, from ‘Heartwork’ at the Anton Art Center.

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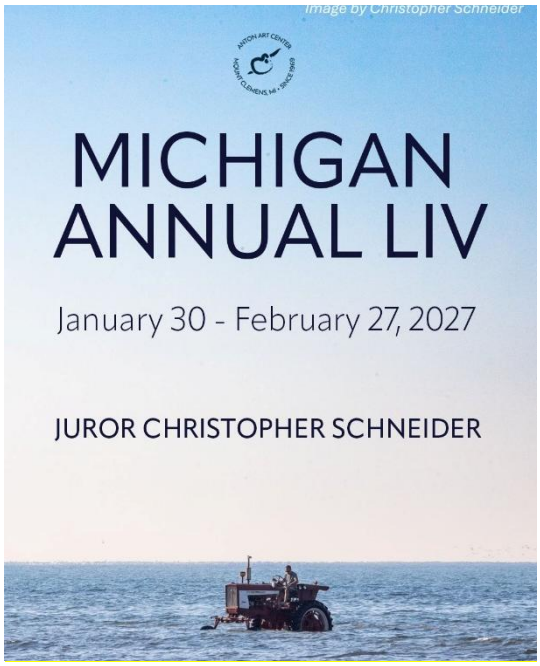


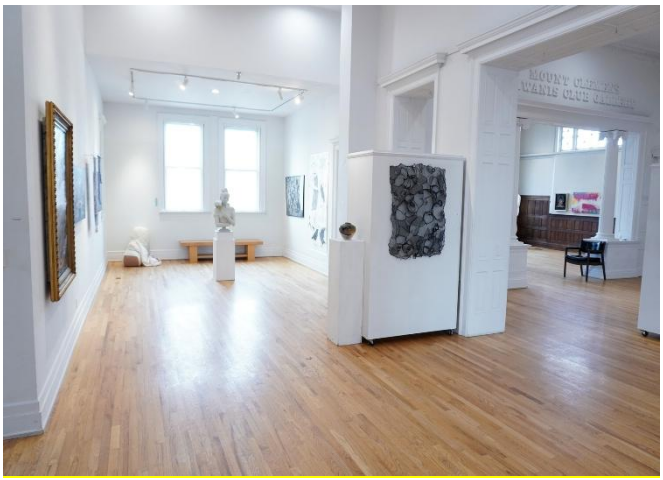
‘Michigan Annual LIV’ exhibit graphic.



‘Michigan Annual LIV’ juror, Christopher Schneider.



Gallery view, First Floor Gallery, Anton Art Center.



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