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## **ANTON ART CENTER ANNOUNCES 51<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL MICHIGAN ARTIST COMPETITION AND EXHIBITION**

Mount Clemens, MI - The Anton Art Center proudly announces the return of the highly anticipated *Michigan Annual LI* fine art competition, now in its 51st year. The annual event, hosted by the Anton Art Center, showcases the talent of artists from across Michigan and offers a total of \$2,000 in awards. This year's competition is set to open on January 27, 2024, and will run until February 24, 2024.

The prestigious competition will be juried by Meighen Jackson, a teacher, curator and working artist, who has been an active part of the Detroit art community for almost forty years. The Opening Reception & Awards Ceremony, a highlight of the event, is scheduled to take place on January 27, 2024, from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm, with refreshments provided by the Delta Kappa Gamma, Omega Chapter sorority.

*Michigan Annual LI* has become the Anton Art Center's most competitive professional-level exhibition, drawing top-tier artists from across the state. Stephanie Hazzard, Exhibition Manager, expresses, "This event is a cornerstone of our annual calendar, and the 51st edition promises to be as exciting as ever. It's a platform that celebrates the incredible diversity and talent of Michigan's fine art community."

Artists across Michigan were invited to submit up to two original artworks completed within the last two years. The competition accepted works in various mediums, ensuring a rich and diverse experience for visitors. Awards for the competition include:

- 1st Place: \$1,000 cash prize
- 2nd Place: \$600 cash prize
- 3rd Place: \$400 cash prize
- Three Honorable Mention Awards

For questions or information, visit [www.theartcenter.org](http://www.theartcenter.org) or call 586-469-8666. The Anton Art Center is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization located at 125 Macomb Place, Mount Clemens, Michigan, with a mission to enrich and inspire people of all ages through the arts.



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The Anton Art Center (AAC) was founded in 1969 in the historic Carnegie Library building in walkable downtown Mount Clemens, Michigan. The AAC aims to build an open community around creative expression by presenting a wide array of programming to appeal to diverse audiences, providing support for the arts and becoming a focal point for arts programming, and working towards inclusion, diversity, equity, and access in all that we do. Our mission is to enrich and inspire people of all ages through the arts. Our funders include the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan, the Kresge Foundation, Michigan Arts and Culture Council, the Erb Family Foundation, and the National Endowment for the Arts.

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Sample images with press release



Meighan Jackson  
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Anton Art Center Gallery, first floor,  
Wiley Wing