

Ithaca Artist named 66th Rochester-Finger Lakes Exhibition popular vote winner

ROCHESTER, NY, July 3, 2019 --Trish Coonrod of Ithaca, NY has won the \$500 Harris Popular Vote Award, given in memory of Dr. & Mrs. Manville S. Harris, at the 66th Rochester-Finger Lakes Exhibition. Coonrod's painting *Still Life with Yellow Gourds and Pumpkin* received the most votes from visitors during the first two weeks of the show, which is on view at the Memorial Art Gallery through September 15.

This exhibition is sponsored by M&T Bank, with additional support provided by the Elaine P. and Richard U. Wilson Foundation, the Rubens Family Foundation, and the Margaret Davis Friedlich and Alan and Sylvia Davis Memorial Fund.

About the artist

Trish Coonrod studied painting at Washington University and the New York Academy of Art, then spent eight years as a painter in the studio of influential artist Jeff Koons. She paints from life, typically fruit or flowers, and enjoys studying how "light reveals form and how colors transition across the planes." This is her third time exhibiting in the Rochester-Finger Lakes Exhibition and her second popular vote win.

Visit her website at www.trishcoonrod.com.

History of the exhibition

In March 1914, just five months after opening its doors, the Memorial Art Gallery hosted its first Rochester Art Club (RAC) exhibition. The yearly show was a fixture of the local art scene for three decades and grew steadily in size and scope. It took its current name in 1938 when it expanded to encompass not just RAC members but also artists living in 19 counties of western New York. More changes were in store. These days, the Rochester-Finger Lakes Exhibition generally takes place every two years and serves a 27-county area. In addition, most of the artists have added to the inventory at THE STORE @ MAG as an exciting opportunity to invest in art.

About The Memorial Art Gallery

The Memorial Art Gallery showcases visual art from antiquity to the present day, including an outdoor public Centennial Sculpture Park. In addition to its permanent collection, MAG offers a year-round schedule of special exhibitions, lectures, concerts, tours, after-hours social events, and family activities.

Hours: Wednesday–Sunday 11 am to 5 pm, and until 9 pm on Thursdays and select Fridays. Closed Mondays and Tuesdays.

Admission: \$15; senior citizens, \$12; college students with ID and children 6–18, \$6. Always free to members, University of Rochester faculty/staff and students, and children 5 and under. Half-price general admission Thursdays from 5–9 pm is made possible in part by Monroe County. For more information, call 585.276.8900 or visit mag.rochester.edu.

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