

2021 MERIT AWARDS ANNOUNCED AT M&T BANK CLOTHESLINE FESTIVAL

Rochester, NY, September 11, 2021 – Four artists were honored as Merit Award winners, including a First-Time Exhibitor Award at the 65th Annual M&T Bank Clothesline Festival, held September 11th and 12th at the Memorial Art Gallery of the University of Rochester. Winners were chosen from almost 300 artists and makers from across the country for the awards which recognize extraordinary quality, craftsmanship, creativity, and/or outstanding presentation.

The 2021 Merit Awards Winners are:

- Sharon London & Carl Mateo of Hudson Valley, NY, Fiber/Wearables - Booth #509
- Kim Nelson of Rochester, NY, Fiber/Wearables - Booth #197
- Kelsey VanDemark of Bisbee Arizona, Mixed Media - Booth #115

The 2021 First-Time Exhibitor Award was presented to:

- Hatice Erbas Sorkunlu of Buffalo, NY, Painting - Booth #96

For more information on the artists and the Clothesline Festival please visit clothesline.rochester.edu.

ABOUT THE FESTIVAL

Rochester's largest and longest-running fine arts festival continues to evolve. Originating as a New York State-only artist festival, Clothesline has expanded in recent years to welcome artists from across the country. It's now the place to experience all-day live entertainment, sample food from some of Rochester's favorite vendors, enjoy free family art activities, visit the museum, and, of course, browse and buy original artwork throughout the grounds.

About The Memorial Art Gallery

The Memorial Art Gallery showcases visual art from antiquity to the present day, including the 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. Reduced admission is made possible by Monroe County, with additional support from Dave & Margaret Burns. For more information, call 585.276.8900 or visit mag.rochester.edu.

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