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33RD ALL ALASKA JURIED ART EXHIBITION TO OPEN AT THE ALASKA STATE MUSEUM

JUNEAU – The 33rd All Alaska Juried Exhibition opens March 4 at the Alaska State Museum with a reception hosted by the Friends of the Alaska State Museum from 4:30 to 7 p.m. The work of artists from all corners of Alaska will be on display. The biennial “All Alaska Juried Exhibition” will include 44 pieces by 28 artists. The exhibition has traditionally encouraged artists of the 49th state to create new work, subsequently showcasing the finest work produced in the state.

The 44 works chosen were from a pool of 433 submissions. Juror Michael Darling is the Jon and Mary Shirley Curator of Modern and Contemporary Art at the Seattle Art Museum. Darling holds a Ph.D. in Architectural and Art History and a Master of Arts in Art History from the University of California Santa Barbara, as well as a Bachelor of Arts degree in Art History from Stanford University. He worked as an independent writer and curator prior to his museum career at the Seattle Art Museum.

“I hope visitors to the exhibition will realize the unique and individual efforts that the selected artists are making within the world of contemporary art,” Darling wrote. “And I can only hope that my selection of them will in some small way be an encouragement to stay the course and keep challenging themselves and their peers.”

Darling granted the Juror’s Choice Award to Anchorage artist Maria Shell for her quilt, titled “Colors Unfurled (aka, If Betsy Ross Had My Stash).” Winners of \$500 awards included Maria Shell, Hal Gage and Bonnie Landis of Anchorage, Jessie Hedden, David Mollett and Rachel Mulvihill of Fairbanks, and Stron Softi of Ketchikan. Julie Decker of Anchorage received an honorable mention.

Other artists included in the exhibition are Suzie Althens of Sutton; Fredrick Andersen of Naknek; Keith Appel, Grace Choi, Katherine Coons, Gina Holloman, Brenda Jaeger, Stephen Gray, Diane Melms, Don Decker, Indra D. Arriaga, Tracy Bader, and Sheary Suiter of Anchorage; Annette Bellamy of Halibut Cove; Ashley DuRoss of Petersburg; Terry Glendinning, and Adam Ottari-Schiesl of Fairbanks; Chris Jenness of Nikiski; Genevieve Klebba of Soldotna; and Jean Lester of Ester.

Media in the exhibition include textiles, paintings, photographs, ceramics, prints, video, encaustic and mixed media.

The All Alaska Juried Exhibition is funded in part by a grant from the Alaska State Council on the Arts, the National Endowment for the Arts, the Anchorage Museum Association, and the Municipality of Anchorage.

Discounted winter admission for museum visitation is \$3. Visitors 18 and under are admitted free of charge. An annual pass that allows unlimited visits to the Alaska State Museum and the Sheldon Jackson Museum in Sitka is available for \$15.

Assistance is available for visitors with special needs. Please contact visitor services at 465-2901 before the visit for more information.

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