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Deadline for Artists to Enter Mixed Media Draws Near

The deadline for artists to enter the City of Slidell's eighteenth annual *Mixed Media* juried exhibition is drawing near. Submissions are due to the Department of Cultural & Public Affairs on Friday, Dec. 11, 2009.

Mixed Media is a juried exhibition that features artwork created using two or more media. Artists from 10 southeastern states (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Texas) are invited to submit their works for display in this unique exhibit.

Serving as the juror for this year's exhibit is Dale Newkirk. Newkirk is the Director of the Southeastern Contemporary Art Gallery and the SIMS Gallery on the Southeastern Louisiana University Campus, where he also teaches sculpture. His artwork has been exhibited throughout the United States and abroad. Recent exhibitions include: *Fragile Bodies* at Northern Kentucky University (2009); one-person show at Cole Pratt Gallery, New Orleans (2008); Brunner Gallery, Covington, Louisiana (2008); Southeastern Exhibition at Mobile Museum of Art, Mobile, Alabama (2007); Texas National Exhibition at Stephen F. Austin University (2007); and the Southeastern Exhibition at the Mobile Museum of Art, Mobile, Alabama (2006).

A total of \$600 in awards will be given to artists selected by the juror for first, second and third place. All artists 18 years or older and residing in the qualifying southeastern states are eligible for entry. Up to three works may be submitted by each artist, with a flat rate entry fee of \$25.00. Entries (including a CD with JPEG images, entry form and entry fee) must be delivered to the Department of Cultural & Public Affairs no later than Dec. 11, 2009.

Entries can be mailed to the Department of Cultural & Public Affairs, P.O. Box 828, Slidell, LA 70459 or hand delivered to 1130 Bayou Lane, #104 in the Municipal Trailer Complex. Artists

will be notified of acceptance status by Dec. 28. Complete entry details are available in the prospectus, which can be found on the city's website, www.slidell.la.us or at the Department of Cultural & Public Affairs.

“We are excited to be able to offer this opportunity to the public,” said Mayor Ben Morris, who has been an avid supporter of the city's cultural events since he took office in 2002. “Slidell offers over 40 cultural events every year, all of which enhance our quality of life, increase tourism and help us attract new businesses, giving us even more reasons to *Celebrate Slidell.*”

Mixed Media will be displayed in the Slidell Cultural Center, located at 2055 Second Street, on the first floor of City Hall. The exhibit opens on Jan. 15, 2010, with an opening reception and awards presentation from 7 to 9 p.m. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 to 4 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Mixed Media is presented by the City of Slidell's Department of Cultural & Public Affairs, its Commission on the Arts and the 2009 - 2010 Cultural Season sponsors, including *Living* magazine; *Louisiana Life* magazine; Northshore Broadcasting Lake 94.7; Slidell Memorial Hospital; Whitney National Bank; AT&T; CLECO; *Northshore Conifer*; Ronnie Kole Foundation; Comfort Inn & Suites; Creative Picture Framing Inc. & Art Gallery; East St. Tammany Chamber of Commerce; Hampton Inn; *Inside Northside Magazine*; Lowry-Dunham, Case & Vivien; Northshore Harbor Center; The Purple Armadillo; Silver Slipper Casino; Slidell Independent; Bargains Plus!/Postal Plus; Baskin Robbins; Councilman Bill & Laura Borchert; David Carollo, Attorney at Law; DuBuisson's Art Corner; HMS Architects, APC; Kathryn & Company's A Touch of Italy Café; Krewe of Bilge; Ed & Chris Massett; Northshore Regional Medical Center; Paint Your Own Studio; Textron Marine and Land Systems; Slidell Symphony Society; Times Grill; Travel Leaders of Slidell; Dr. Russell & Nancy Westfall and WGSO 990 AM.

This event is supported by a grant from the Louisiana Division of the Arts, Office of Cultural Development, Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism in cooperation with the Louisiana State Arts Council as administered by the St. Tammany Commission on Cultural Affairs.

For more information about *Mixed Media*, please call the Department of Cultural & Public Affairs at (985) 646-4375 or visit the website at www.slidell.la.us.

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