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Artists from four states featured in city's 'Mixed Media' exhibit

The works of artists from four southeastern states will soon be on display in the Slidell Cultural Center when the City of Slidell's nineteenth annual *Mixed Media* juried exhibition opens on January 15. The competition is open to artists from ten southeastern states. This year a total of 58 entries were received from 24 artists from Louisiana, Mississippi, Georgia and Tennessee. A total of 35 works by 16 different artists were selected for the exhibit by juror 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: 2009, *Fragile Bodies* at Northern Kentucky University, 2008, 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 Stephan F. Austin University, the 2006 Southeastern Exhibition at the Mobile Museum of Art, Mobile, Alabama.



Ryan Ballard - *Self Portrait with Dual Aspects*



Diane St. Germain - *Beach Play*

The artworks featured in this exhibit are as varied as the media in which they are presented. To qualify as mixed media, each artist must use a minimum of two media to create their work. This year's selections include traditional media including paints, pastels, clay, pen, paper, glass, wood, metals and fabrics and a wide assortment of other atypical media such as bark, soil, leaves, Styrofoam, recycled materials and doll parts.

The *Mixed Media* opening reception and awards presentation will be held on Jan. 15 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Slidell Cultural Center, located at 2055 Second Street on the first floor of City Hall. A total of \$600 in awards will be given to artists selected for first, second and third place. The exhibit will be on display through March 19. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 to 4 p.m. The gallery will also be open on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission is free.

"Slidell continues to offer free opportunities for our citizens to experience



Becca Johnson - *Howlin' Wolf*

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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 www.slidell.la.us.

local cultural events, improving our quality of life. The artworks on display in this exhibit are excellent," said Mayor Ben Morris. "I encourage all citizens to drop by the Slidell Cultural Center and see them."

Mixed Media is presented by the City of Slidell's Department of Cultural & Public Affairs, the 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



Jeanie Osborne - *Egrets*