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Regional Artists on Display in All Media Juried Exhibition

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Racine Art Museum's (RAM's) Charles A. Wustum Museum of Fine Arts continues a significant tradition with the opening of *Racine and Vicinity Show 2021: All Media Juried Competition* on June 16, 2021. A glimpse into local talent, this juried exhibition showcases work from artists residing throughout Racine, Kenosha, and Walworth counties, as well as RAM members from in or outside the area. This year's show—open through August 14, 2021—features 99 accepted pieces by 96 artists.

Of the 376 pieces submitted by 206 artists, only approximately one-quarter were chosen by juror Diana Bolander for this year's exhibition. Bolander has been the curator at the Rahr-West Art Museum in Manitowoc, Wisconsin since 2018, and also served as curator at the Dennon Museum Center, Northwestern Michigan College and the Wright Museum of Art, Beloit College. She has an MA in Arts Management from the University of Oregon and a BA in History of Art and Studio Art from Michigan State University.

Bolander also selected this year's award winners, who will receive their prizes during the Virtual Awards Presentation on June 15, 2021 at 6:00 pm CDT. This virtual event—presented simultaneously via Zoom and Facebook Live—is free and open to the public. Registration for the Zoom event is available on the RAM website, ramart.org. Neither a Facebook account nor advanced registration is required to view the Facebook Live broadcast on the RAM Facebook page.

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Together, the two campuses of the Racine Art Museum, RAM in downtown Racine at 441 Main Street and the Charles A. Wustum Museum of Fine Arts at 2519 Northwestern Avenue, seek to elevate the stature of contemporary crafts to that of fine art by exhibiting significant works in craft media with painting, sculpture, and photography, while providing outstanding educational art programming.

After temporarily closing its doors in response to the global COVID-19 pandemic, RAM and RAM's Wustum Museum of Fine Arts are currently open to the public. Both museums are operating with limited hours, open Wednesday through Saturday from Noon to 4:00 pm. Information regarding safety protocols and what to expect when visiting the museums are available on the RAM website, ramart.org.