

MOSAIC ART NOW

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Mosaic Magazine Announces New International Prize

Wakefield, MA.....Mosaic Art Now announces a Call to Artists for inclusion in the magazine's first "Exhibition in Print." Designed to replicate the experience of visiting a fine art gallery, the Exhibition will be curated by Scott A. Shields, PhD a recognized art authority. A prize of \$1,000 will be awarded for the "Best in Show" as determined by Shields. The Prospectus and Submittal Forms can be found at www.MosaicArtNow.com. Deadline for submissions is November 11, 2009. Questions can be sent to info@MosaicArtNow.com.

Shields, Chief Curator of the Crocker Art Museum in Sacramento, CA will serve as the exhibit's juror. "I have long been intrigued by mosaics and am excited to see that the art form has expanded into something incredibly rich and diverse. I look forward to seeing how today's mosaicists have pushed the art form to create new and artful ways of expressing themselves." Shields has curated numerous exhibitions and written catalogues for exhibitions such as those for ceramist Toshiko Takaezu and wood sculptor Robert Cremean. The Crocker Art Museum has one of the world's finest ceramics collections. In 2012, it will host the International Academy of Ceramics Conference and Members' Exhibition in its new 125,000 sq. ft. addition designed by Charles Gwathmey, FAIA.

Each individual work in Mosaic Art Now's "Exhibition in Print" will receive a two-page spread in the 2010 edition of the magazine. Included in the layout will be a photograph of the entire mosaic, detail shots, and an artist's statement. "We know that the international mosaic community is producing truly great works of art," said Founder and Editor Bill Buckingham. "At the magazine, we see these mosaics every day. This is our way of making sure that the rest of the world gets a chance to see them as well. We encourage accepted artists to provide us with pricing and contact information we can include in the magazine and website. We envision this as a cost effective format that will give artists international visibility."

Mosaic Art Now is a high quality, four color annual magazine designed to promote contemporary mosaics and the artists who make them. This year, the magazine added a blog (<http://MosaicArtNow.blogspot.com>) and corresponding Facebook Page designed to keep mosaic artist and aficionados up to date on what's happening in the art form. The Exhibit is one of a number of changes Mosaic Art Now is making that will further enhance the experience of readers, the representation of artists, and the perception of mosaics as an art form.

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