

JJC ART STUDENT'S

2020 Juried Exhibition

Directors Statement

Works included in this exhibition were selected by this year's juror, **John Lustig**, from artwork completed by Joliet Junior College students in studio art courses including, painting, drawing, figure drawing, 2 and 3D Design, graphic design, ceramics, metals, and interior architecture. From a total of **157** entries, **42** works were selected for exhibition. Juror's Awards provided by the **Joliet Junior College Foundation** were made possible by contributions from John and Laura Kingsbury.

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic this exhibition was postponed last spring, but we feel fortunate to be able to share it with you virtually this semester instead! As we are following the state and colleges social distancing guidelines there will be no reception in conjunction with this event but we hope you will take time to stroll through the exhibition virtually and share it with friends and family.

Our juror selected three pieces for this years 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place awards and has written about them in the jurors statement so please be sure to read it as you view our exhibition and celebrate our hard working students. Six additional purchase awards were selected from the entries to add to our JJC Permeant Art Collection as well. These six pieces were chosen for content, craft, and because we felt they added to the body of our existing collection in a compelling and necessary way. This year's winners are:

1st place - Jorge Guzman – “Mi Vida Urbana, Evelyn”

2nd place – Matthew Jones-White – “Unease”

3rd place – Jasmine Kasper – “Honeybee”

Purchase Award – Gabby Duncan – “Small to Large”

Purchase Award – Drew Dzurko “Prison Chair”

Purchase Award – Jorge Guzman – “Michoacan”

Purchase Award – Khloud Hamed – “Brick City”

Purchase Award – Matthew Jones-White – “untitled painting”

Purchase Award – Tomi Van Dyke – “Busy”

As we applaud our winners the Laura A. Sprague Art Gallery and the Fine Arts Department offer our congratulations not only to those winners or the students selected for exhibition, but to ALL of the students who submitted work. This process is such a key component to your arts education but one that requires a little bravery and initiative – we are so proud of you all for finding that and moving forward with your work! Thank you also for your patience while we worked to find a way to move forward with this exhibition during a time of social distancing. As you will see when you navigate through this virtual exhibition, it was worth the wait!

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