

# PRESS RELEASE

## *8<sup>th</sup> Annual National Juried Exhibition Award Recipients*

### **Idaho Falls, ID, March 30, 2016:**

The Idaho Falls Arts Council is pleased to announce the Gisin Family Art Award recipients in the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual National Juried Exhibition, which is on display in the Carr and Hall Galleries in the Willard Arts Center until June 12<sup>th</sup>.

Award-winning works were selected by the 2016 juror, John McMahon, Artist Services Director of the Idaho Commission on the Arts. This year, the awards have been renamed the Gisin Family Art Awards in honor of Idaho Falls artists Werner and Simon Gisin.

1<sup>st</sup> Place – “Faberge’s Nightmare” by Jeff Davies, Idaho

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – “Olympus” by Ryan Buffington, Idaho

3<sup>rd</sup> Place - “Oscillator in Hickory Run State Park” by Pato Hebert, California

Honorable Mention – “Vista” by Hadley Rampton, Utah

Honorable Mention – “My Trip to the Mountains” by George Parker, Idaho

Honorable Mention – “Net Study 2” by Lily Martina Lee, Idaho

“One of my favorite things about the National Juried Exhibition is that each juror brings a unique perspective to the selection process. I can never predict which artworks will be chosen as the prize winners, but I am always excited about the results,” said Georgina Goodlander, Visual Arts Director of the Idaho Falls Arts Council, “This year, John McMahon recognized six artists who each brought something new and interesting to their medium, and I particularly love the diverse range of mediums represented - from painting and photography to metalwork and fiber,”

John McMahon said, “Thank you to all of the artists who submitted work for consideration. This exhibit is a celebration of your invention, and it honors the space you define in the cultural landscape,” and commented how much he appreciated seeing the artwork in person.

Georgina Goodlander added, “I encourage you to add your own voice to the exhibition by voting for the ‘People’s Choice!’ The winning artwork will be used in all promotional materials for the 2017 National Juried Exhibition. You can place

your vote in person at the Willard Arts Center any time between now and June 12, 2016." The People's Choice Award will be awarded at the close of the exhibition to the work that receives the most votes from the public.

*About the Idaho Falls Arts Council*

The Idaho Falls Arts Council is a private nonprofit organization which owns and operates: ARTitorium on Broadway, The Colonial Theater, and the Willard Arts Center. The mission of IFAC is, in coordination with other arts organizations, to educate our community and enrich its quality of life by promoting, advocating and presenting a broad spectrum of visual and performing arts in eastern Idaho.

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