



CALL TO ARTISTS NOW OPEN FOR SOOKE FINE ARTS SHOW

For Immediate Release

Sooke, BC – March 24, 2023 – The 2023 Sooke Fine Arts Show Call to Artists is open now through June 1, and artists across Vancouver Island and BC's coastal islands are encouraged to submit their works for this year's exhibition.

This year will mark the 37th time that Sooke's SEAPARC arena is skillfully transformed into a high-end art gallery welcoming seasoned art lovers as well as those new and curious about the world of art. From July 29 to August 7, the gallery will showcase original works of art amidst a backdrop of live music, art demonstrations, talks, and guided tours. There are hands-on activities for youth and families, events for seniors and a well-stocked gift shop of artists' smaller works. A gallery of the art pieces displayed at the live Show will also be available for viewing online.

"The Call to Artists is highly anticipated every year and we are already receiving submissions from artists keen to participate in this year's show," said Terrie Moore, Executive Director of the Sooke Fine Arts Society. "Artists and patrons alike are telling us that they're eager to experience and enjoy artworks in person again and we anticipate great exposure for our artists this year, especially after the success of last year's return to the live show format."

A distinguished jury panel will choose approximately 375 pieces of original fine art created from every imaginable material, in both traditional and contemporary styles, for display and sale. The Show will also award over \$12,000 in prizes in multiple categories, including art excellence, social commentary, designers' choice, and people's choice. In addition, artists can contribute unique gift items for sale in the Show's popular gallery gift shop, and are encouraged to deliver talks, demos, or guided gallery tours at the show.

Submissions to the Sooke Fine Arts Show are open to anyone on BC's coastal islands creating original paintings, sculpture, woodwork, photography, fibre arts, ceramics, and hand-formed jewelry. Information is available on the Society's website (sookefinearts.com).

Artists are encouraged to submit their works online before the deadline of midnight, Thursday, June 1, 2023, at www.sookefinearts.com.

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Important Information for Artists

SFAS art submissions: Call to Artists opens Tuesday, March 15, 2023, and closes at midnight, Thursday, June 1, 2023. For submission information and details see www.sookefinearts.com

About us

The Sooke Fine Arts Show and Sale is a volunteer driven, community-proud event with a 36-year history of showcasing art and culture of the region. It draws visitors from the local area, from the Lower Mainland, across Canada, the US and abroad to enjoy and celebrate the unique culture of Sooke and BC's coastal area.

The Sooke Fine Arts Society is a not-for-profit, federally registered charity #R852375765RR0001.

Sooke Fine Arts Society respectfully acknowledges that we live, work, and create on the traditional territory of the T'Sou-ke First Nation, and we are grateful to do so in this beautiful place.

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