



**A Plein Air Painting Competition
Hosted by Center for the Arts in Harford County**

October 10-15, 2016

Deadline for Call for Entries: July 22, 2016

Notification of Jury Results: August 1, 2016

Festival Dates: October 10-15, 2016

Location: Painting throughout Harford County, MD

Gallery Sale and Awards Ceremony at Liriodendron Mansion, 502 W Gordon St Bel Air, MD

Description: Harford Plein Air (October 10-15, 2016) invites artists from all over the U.S. to enter this second annual competition to create art in the “open air”. 30 competing artists, juried by Michele Byrne, will paint throughout Harford County, MD. Harford County offers artists picturesque landscapes adorned with sprawling horse farms, rambling hills, and expansive woodlands; bustling town centers; and historic harbor towns.

Art created during October 10-13th will be on display October 14th-15th at the Liriodendron Mansion in Bel Air, MD. There will be a Quick Draw Competition open to all artists in the Town of Bel Air on Saturday, October 15th 8am-12noon. Awards for the Quick Draw participants will be presented by Hai-Ou Hou.

Collectors can view and purchase artwork at the Liriodendron Mansion at the Collector's Preview Party (ticketed event) on Friday, October 14th at 7pm, or at the Public Gallery Sale on Saturday, October 15th 2pm-5pm. Awards for the competing artists will be presented by David Diaz, (Harford Plein Air Judge) on Saturday, October 15th at the Gallery Sale 2-5pm.

Entry Rules:

- Applicants must be 18 years of age or older.
- Application fee is \$25. You must pay your application fee using the online payment system after you have uploaded your information and images on EntryThingy* for your entry to be accepted.

*Log in to EntryThingy at <http://www.harfordcfa.org/enter-harford-plein-air.html>

- Applicants must complete the application, payment, and release agreement for entries to be processed.
- On EntryThingy, upload 3 high quality images, in jpg format only, 1920 px on longest dimension and file size between 200kb and 3MB. Minimum width is 1400px.
- Images must be of recent plein air work, completed within the last two years, and painted without the use of photographs.
- Images must be labeled with # of the submitted work, artist's initials, and title (i.e. 1KM_EveningShadows.jpg, 2KM_Sunset.jpg, 3KM_BusyIntersection.jpg).
- Incomplete applications will not be processed.
- Applications must be received by **July 22, 2016**. Applications received after this date will not be considered.
- Images will be used at the discretion of the committee for publicity purposes.
- All applicants will be contacted by August 1, 2016 as to whether they are accepted in this competition.

TERMS and CONDITIONS

All work must be original and painted en plein air during Harford Plein Air (October 10-October 15, 2016), without the use of photographs.

Acceptable media are oil, acrylic, watercolor and pastel. All exhibited artworks must be stamped, framed, wired, and available for sale.

Harford Plein Air will be held regardless of weather and will not be re-scheduled.

Artist attendance at all events is mandatory.

A 40% commission on all works sold will be retained by Center for the Arts – “Harford Plein Air”. All sales will be handled by representatives of Center for the Arts – “Harford Plein Air”. Artists agree to NOT sell any work completed during Harford Plein Air without a 40% commission paid to Center for the Arts – “Harford Plein Air”. All paintings must be priced commensurate with normal pricing structure. Payments to the artists for sold work will be mailed 30 days after the event.

Competition artists release and hold harmless the Center for the Arts - “Harford Plein Air”, their officers, employees, agents and designees from any and all responsibility or liability. The Center for the Arts – “Harford Plein Air” is not responsible for any monetary losses or damage to the paintings or property for any reason, including damage to wet paintings, and is not responsible or to be held liable for personal injuries. The Center for the Arts – “Harford Plein Air” and their legal representatives and assigns reserve the right and permission to publish competition artists’ names and images, and artwork for promotional purposes, including publication in various brochures, promotional literature, the Center for the Arts website, digital publications, and social media. The Center for the Arts – “Harford Plein Air” is not required nor obligated to use any

information or artwork submitted, and has full authority as to which information and artwork they choose to use for any promotional purposes. Artists further consent to Center for the Arts – “Harford Plein Air’s” promotional use of images of the award-winning paintings for a period of one year. Competition artists will receive no compensation, should any information or images of artist or artwork be used.

Event Schedule: (Detailed Itinerary to Come)

- **Oct 10th Check-In Day for Juried Artists (Location: TBD)**
- **Oct 10-Oct 13th Painting throughout Harford County, MD**
- **Oct 11th Required Paint Out at Ladew Topiary Gardens 8am-6pm**
- **Oct 14th Hanging of Artwork at Liriodendron Mansion 10am**
- **Oct 14th Collector's Preview Party at Liriodendron Mansion 7pm**
- **Oct 15th Quick Draw Competition Open to All Artists, Town of Bel Air, 8am-1:30pm**
- **Oct 15th Gallery Sale and Awards Ceremony at Liriodendron Mansion, 2pm-5pm**



Michele Byrne, Juror

Artist, [Michele Byrne Fine Art](#)

Michele Byrne is recognized for her figurative plein air work. She lives and works in Reading, Pennsylvania. However, she travels extensively, painting in various locations including, Manhattan, Paris, California, Colorado and Key West, Florida. Byrne was a Faculty Demonstrator for the Annual Plein Air Convention in Monterey, CA in April of 2014. Byrne has won numerous awards in her plein air and studio work including most recently People’s Choice Award and Third

Place at the Forgotten Coast Quick Draw and 2nd Prize in the Urban Life Exhibition at the Salmagundi Club in New York in February of 2015.

Painting en plein air is not just a passion for Michele Byrne, it is a dedication. The artist must make decisions about time of day, direction of light and inclusion of figures despite that in front of you everything is changing. The decisions allow the artist to paint dynamically with light and air as a part of the final image. Byrne says, “Painting plein air allows me to create a more fluid diary of the ever-changing activity of a café or street scene or beach scene.”

To learn more about Michele Byrne, visit her website: www.michelebyrne.com



Hai-Ou Hou, Quick Draw Judge

Owner and Director, [Chesapeake Fine Art Studio](#)

Hai-Ou Hou was born in Beijing where she received her B.F.A. from Central Institute of Fine Art and Design. She earned her M.F.A. from Towson State University. She taught at the Hubei Fine Art Institute, China. She is currently owner and director of the Chesapeake Fine Art Studio.

Hai-Ou has developed a strong expressive style which she teaches at Chesapeake Fine Art Studio weekly. She offers instruction in workshops throughout the country at all levels in plein air, figurative, still-life, portraiture, and quick-draw technique.

Hai-Ou is a Signature Member of both the Mid-Atlantic Plein Air Painters' Association and the American Impressionist Society. She is also a member of the Portrait Society of America and the Washington Society of Landscape Painters. Her work is widely represented in commercial galleries and is included in many public and private collections throughout the U.S. and abroad. She has received numerous awards and honors through participation in art events and exhibitions.

To learn more about Hai-Ou Hou, visit her website: www.haiouhoufineart.com



David Diaz, Harford Plein Air Judge

Artist, [Art Works by David Diaz](#)

David Diaz lives in Annapolis, MD and is primarily a plein air artist working in oil and pastels with a focus on regional subjects. He received formal training in the public schools of Western Maryland and Frostburg State University; as well as University of Maryland, Towson and Catholic University.

He is an award-winning artist and educator who has taught art in Allegany County and Anne Arundel County in Maryland, and has worked with students from elementary through middle school, as well as adult education and private lessons.

His work is in collections in the United States, Europe, and Asia, and is featured in "100 Plein Air Painters of the Mid-Atlantic", a 2014 book by Gary Pendleton. He is the Board President at the Maryland Federation of Art and co-chairs the MFA Exhibition Committee, and works with installations at Quiet Waters art galleries. He is also a Board member with the Mid-Atlantic Plein Air Painters Association and chairs the MAPAPA Exhibition Committee. To learn more about David Diaz, visit his website: www.artworksbydaviddiaz.com

Quick Draw Competition

**Saturday, October 15, 2016
Town of Bel Air
8:00am-1:30pm**

Quick Draw Schedule:

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| 8am-9am | Registration (Get Canvases Stamped) |
| 9am-11am | Painting Period |
| 11:15am-12noon | Jurying Process |
| 12:00-1:30pm | Awards Ceremony and Sale |

Ready-Set- Paint!

The Quick Draw Competition is a plein air painting competition open to **all levels of experience**. Pre-registration is strongly recommended, but registration will be available 8am-9am, on day of event. Youth (ages 17 and younger) and adults are invited to paint outdoors within designated areas in downtown Bel Air. Painters will have 2 hours to complete their works. Painters must bring their own art supplies, including easels. Accepted media includes watercolor, acrylic, oils, and pastels. After the painting period ends, painters will submit their work for jurying. Awards will be presented by artist, Hai-Ou Hou.

Registration Fee: (Harford Plein Air Juried Artists do not pay a registration fee for Quick Draw)

\$10 Non-Juried Adult Artists (ages 18 and older)

\$5 Youth Artists (ages 17 and younger)

Register online at www.harfordcfa.org/quickdraw

Quick Draw Schedule:

8:00am-8:55am: All artists check-in at the registration desk (Location TBD), and pay if they haven't already. They will get their blank canvases stamped, and will pick up their title and price label. No canvas will be stamped if painting/design has begun prior to the starting time. Artists will be directed to the designated areas to set-up their painting station.

9:00am: A horn will sound and artists may begin painting en plein air style on any subject. Accepted media includes watercolor, acrylic, oils, and pastels.

11:00am: The horn will sound again, painting stops, and artists must bring their completed artwork and easels to the designated location for jurying and exhibition. There is little turnaround time, so please be prepared with your title and price labels filled out when the Quick Draw volunteer visits you.

Judging/Awards:

11:15am Artists have their easels set up in designated location for jurying. Jurying Begins.

12:00pm Jurying Process Ends

12:00-1:30pm Award Ceremony and Sale

(Winning artwork will be sent to Liriodendron Mansion for display, 2pm-5pm).

Awards will be given in the following categories:

Harford Plein Air Juried Artists: (Artists who were juried in for the Harford Plein Air Competition Week)

Non-Juried Adult Artists: (Artists age 18 and older, who are not a part of the Harford Plein Air Competition Week)

Youth Artists: (Artists ages 17 and younger)

Quick Draw Awards:

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| Harford Plein Air Juried Artists: | \$300 1 st Place | \$200 2 nd Place | \$100 3 rd Place |
| Non-Juried Adult Artists: | \$150 1 st Place | \$100 2 nd Place | \$75 3 rd Place |
| Youth Artists: | \$100 1 st Place | \$75 2 nd Place | \$50 3 rd Place |

Honorable Mentions (TBD)

Scholarship Award for Workshop at Hai-Ou Hou's Fine Art Studio

Quick Draw Art Sales:

Each art piece created during the Quick Draw is required to be for sale and to have a title and price written on the provided label. **A 40% commission on all works sold will be retained by Center for the Arts – “Harford Plein Air”.** All sales will be handled by representatives of Center for the Arts – “Harford Plein Air”. Artists agree to NOT sell any work completed during the Harford Plein Air Quick Draw without a 40% commission paid to Center for the Arts – “Harford Plein Air”. All paintings must be priced commensurate with normal pricing structure. Payments to the artists for sold work will be mailed 30 days after the event.

Artwork and artist supplies (including easels) are the sole responsibility of each artist.

Terms and Submission Requirements for Quick Draw Judging/Art Sale:

- Blank canvases should be stamped at the registration table before the painting period begins.
- All paintings must be labeled with title and price after painting period ends.
- Accepted media includes watercolor, acrylic, oils, or pastels.
- Artists must bring their own easels and art supplies.
- Artists must have their canvases framed.
- Quick Draw will be held rain or shine. Rain location for exhibition and judging TBD.
- Winning Quick Draw paintings will be displayed at the Liriodendron Mansion 2:00-5:00pm (during the Harford Plein Air Gallery Sale) on October 15, 2016. Artists are responsible for collecting their unsold paintings at 5:15pm at the Liriodendron that same day.

Questions? Contact Center for the Arts, at info@harfordcfa.org or call 443-567-5216.