

THE 39th ANNUAL
OPEN ART COMPETITION
presented by
ROCK SCHOOL
ARTS FOUNDATION



2025 1st Place Winner: Mixed Media Doodle / Preeti Happer

2026 PROSPECTUS

GALLERIES I AND II

July 31 – August 28, 2026

ONLINE

July 31 – September 11, 2026

Old Rock School

400 Main Street West Valdese, NC

(828) 838-9806

www.rockschoolartgalleries.com

EVENT INFORMATION

EXHIBITION of ENTRIES — Friday, July 31, through Friday, August 28. With Opening Day August 8.

Galleries are open weekdays from 9 am–5 pm. The exhibition can be viewed online at rockschoolartgalleries.com from July 31 to September 11.

ARTIST AGE REQUIREMENT—Must be 18 or older.

AWARDS — 1ST \$500 / 2ND \$200 / 3RD \$100 / PEOPLE'S CHOICE \$50 **Winners will be notified before the exhibition opens. Except People's Choice. The People's Choice Award will be voted for by visitors to the galleries on **Exhibition Opening Day, August 8**. **Prizes will be mailed to the winners.

JUDGE: Mark Poteat has been a practicing artist for over 30 years, exhibiting his work both regionally and nationally and receiving numerous awards for his achievements. His artistic practice has evolved over time, encompassing industrial subjects, musical instruments, landscapes, and, most recently, the human figure. Deeply influenced by art history, his work draws from the innovations of the Cubists, the early Modernists, and the dramatic compositions of 17th-century Baroque painting.

In addition to his studio practice, Mark has served as the Art Coordinator and an Art Instructor at Western Piedmont Community College in Morganton, NC, since 2002. He holds a BFA in Painting from East Carolina University and an MFA in Painting and Drawing from East Tennessee State University.

ELIGIBLE WORKS—*2-D and 3-D works. Works must be original and never shown before in the OAC.*

ENTRIES PER ARTIST – *Two entries per artist.* Entries may be 2 2D works or 2 3D works. **Or 1 2D and 1 3D.**

PRESENTATION REQUIREMENTS—

- **All paintings MUST be ready for hanging using wire for hanging.** NO Sawtooth hangers.
- **Works submitted framed and under glass must come with image to be used on the website.**
If the artist does not provide an emailed image of the work, it will not be placed on the website.
- **Size for 2D is limited to 48" x 48".** For information regarding **size limits for 3D works**, please call 828-838-9806 or email rsaf1893@gmail.com.
- **Artwork needs to be priced.** If artwork is NFS there must be a value given.
- **Tags for artwork are on the third page. Fill out One for the back and One to turn in for each work entered.**

LIABILITY—Rock School Art Foundation will not be responsible for loss or damage. Works will be handled with care.

ARTIST FEES—RSAF Members: \$10 per artist. Non-members: \$15.

Cash or Checks (Checks payable to RSAF or Rock School Arts Foundation).

COMMISSIONS—20% of the asking price for each artwork sold.

RECEIVING of EXHIBITED WORK —Wednesday, July 22, 12–6pm and Thursday, July 23, 10am–2pm in Gallery I.

DATE of REMOVAL of WORK – Monday, August 31 to Friday, September 4. Please pick-up between 9am and 4pm.

Storing paintings is not permitted. No artwork removed before Friday, August 28.

HANGING COMMITTEE'S AUTHORITY — Committee reserves the right to reject a painting for any reason.

SALES of ARTWORK — For purchases after Opening Day contact the Executive Director at 828-838-9806.

PAYMENT/OWNERSHIP OF ARTWORK—Payment for artwork is cash/check and is due on the day of possession. Possession of purchased artwork will be given on the **date of removal**.

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