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Call for Entries: Best of Tennessee Craft 2021 Exhibition Showcasing the Finest Contemporary and Traditional Craft

NASHVILLE, TN (March 23, 2021)—<u>Tennessee Craft</u> seeks entries for the 2021 Best of Tennessee Craft Exhibition, a biennial event designed to highlight craft artists producing the most diverse, highest quality craft pieces available in Tennessee.

Presented by Tennessee Craft – the state's largest, most visible, and most respected craft artist organization – and hosted by the <u>Tennessee State Museum</u> in Nashville, this exhibit elevates and celebrates contemporary and traditional craft found throughout Tennessee, while encouraging a high standard of excellence and design among Tennessee craft artists.

The exhibition will be on view at the Tennessee State Museum in Nashville October 29, 2021 through Sunday, February 20, 2022. Visitors can expect to see such craft as traditional Appalachian-inspired furniture, textiles incorporating modern materials and time-honored techniques, and extraordinary turned pieces using found wood. The guest juror will select works for the exhibition from submitted entries and the award winners. Best of Show Award is a \$1,500 cash award. Additionally, we will be exploring the diverse and rich history of craft in Tennessee through public programs at the Museum.

ENTRIES AND ELIGIBILITY

Submission deadline is June 1, 2021. Eligible crafts include: basketry, clay, fiber/textile, glass, jewelry, leather, metal, mixed media, paper, printmaking, sculpture, wood, and other. Online entries may be submitted at <u>callforentry.org</u>.

Artists may submit up to three (3) craft pieces for exhibit consideration. Each piece should be represented by one image; no detail views or images depicting the same piece from multiple angles. The competition is open to all craft artists 18 years or older, who are current residents of Tennessee, including students. Work must be original, not previously exhibited at a Best of Tennessee Craft Exhibition, and within generally accepted craft media. No person shall be excluded from entry on the grounds of race, national origin, sex, disability, or age.

JURYING

Jurying will be conducted solely from images submitted through <u>callforentry.org</u>.

ENTRY FEE

A single non-refundable fee of \$40 (\$35 for current Tennessee Craft members) for up to three (3) works, payable by check, credit or debit card, must be included at the time of application. Visit https://artist.callforentry.org/festivals_unique_info.php?ID=8196 to read the eligibility requirements and to apply.

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About Tennessee Craft: Tennessee Craft, formerly The Tennessee Association of Craft Artists (TACA), works to continue and create Tennessee's fine craft tradition. With more than 500 members throughout the state, Tennessee Craft serves as the premier connecting point for local, independent makers and their audiences through craft fairs, exhibitions, professional development, networking, mentorship and other educational programs. Visit tennesseecraft.org to learn more.