



**MTWS WATERMEDIA 2020 • Prospectus • 38th Annual National Juried Exhibition**

Juror: Iain Stewart • Bigfork Art & Cultural Center, Bigfork, Montana

Exhibition Dates; September 29 – November 1, 2020

**DEADLINE: Entries must be received by June 1, 2020**

**AWARDS:** Typically over \$5000 in cash and merchandise have been awarded annually by past jurors.

Awards include:

- Gold Award and Medallion .....\$1,000
- Silver Award and Medallion ..... \$750
- Bronze Award and Medallion ..... \$600
- MTWS Founder’s Award..... \$500
- MTWS President’s Award..... \$500
- Nancy Beelman Award ..... \$500
- MTWS Board Award ..... \$100
- Margo Voermans Award ..... \$150

June 1	Entries must be received by this date
July 1	Notification of acceptance to artists
July 15	Final date to notify Watermedia Chair if painting is withheld
Sept 22 - 26	Shipped paintings to arrive at Bigfork Art & Cultural Center
Sept 26	Hand-delivered paintings between 11am & 3pm today only
Oct 1 – 4	Guest artist workshop: Iain Stewart
Oct 2	Opening Reception at BACC, 5pm to 6:30pm
Oct 2	Awards Banquet – Showthyme II - following reception
Nov 2	Pick up hand-delivered paintings 11am – 3pm today only
Nov 2 - 6	Shipped paintings returned

**PLEASE READ conditions and rules** of this prospectus **CAREFULLY**. A painting must match your submitted digital image and must meet framing requirements outlined below or it will not be hung. You confirm understanding of these rules and conditions when you apply to enter this national competition. Decisions of MTWS officials are final on all specifications.

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

- Watermedia 2020 is open to U.S. artists 18 years or older.
- Work must have been completed within the last two (2) years.
- Entries must be original work of the entrant, with no supervision by an instructor.
- Only works hand-executed in aqueous media (watercolor, acrylic, gouache, ink) on **paper supports** will be accepted (Yupo, Tyvek, and Aquabond permitted).
- Acrylic paintings must be done on paper supports *using watercolor techniques*.
- Collage must be primarily paper hand-painted with watermedia. Photographs or printed materials as collage and elevated constructions of any kind are not allowed.
- NO pastels, NO water-soluble oil paints, NO egg tempera, NO computer-created images.
- The minimum **image** size is 80 square inches, length x width, mat opening (Example: 8"x10" = 80 square inches).

**MTWS FRAMING REQUIRMENTS**

- The maximum **frame** size for paintings is 44" x 44".
- Paintings must be framed under acrylic (i.e. Plexiglas) and ready to hang. If hand-delivered and picked up, glass is allowed. Varnish finishes or clip systems are NOT acceptable.
- Paintings must be matted. **Mat must be white** (slightly warm or cool white is acceptable). A **matching** double mat is allowed. The second mat can only be a maximum of up to 1/2" exposed.
- No mat decoration of any type allowed (i.e., v-grooves or lines). Filets and linen mats may NOT be used.
- **Simple Frame** of metal or wood is required. NO ornate, carved, or beaded frames accepted.
- Maximum frame width is three (3) inches.
- Acrylic paintings must be matted and framed as above. **(No Exceptions)**.

### CONDITIONS AND RULES

- All paintings must be for sale. A 40% gallery commission will be deducted from each sale.
- **No Changes May Be Made After Acceptance.**
- The price listed *on the entry form* will be used in the catalog and on exhibition identification label and cannot be changed.
- An accepted painting must match submitted entry image and meet media and framing criteria outlined above.
- The MTWS Watermedia Chair must be notified by July 15 if an accepted painting will be unavailable to exhibit for any reason so an alternate may be selected. Failure to do so or to meet the delivery date will make the artist ineligible to enter MTWS exhibitions for the next three years.

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING YOUR DIGITAL IMAGE

- Only Digital Format Entries will be accepted. Send JPG images on a DVD or by email to Watermedia Entry Chair, Kristin Dahl Triol at [kristintriol@gmail.com](mailto:kristintriol@gmail.com).
- Image Size: File format must be JPG, highest quality, with the shortest dimension a minimum of 1000 pixels. For questions or help with this, contact Kristin Dahl Triol at [kristintriol@gmail.com](mailto:kristintriol@gmail.com) or 805-402-8212
- Crop images to exclude frames or mats. Images must represent painting exactly as is. NO Digital Editing is allowed!
- Label each JPG image with the artist's last name, title of painting, and height and width in inches.  
**Example: Last Name\_\_ Title\_\_ Height \_\_ x Width\_\_.**
- Write all DVD entries onto one DVD.
- Clearly identify each image as shown above. Write the information on the front side of DVD with permanent marker.
- Ship DVD in plastic round or jewel case in padded envelope with entry form and payment. DVDs will NOT be returned.
- If emailing entries, include your name and contact info in the same email. Make sure images appear in the proper orientation (i.e., landscape vs. portrait and upright).
- Send entry form and payment by mail to MTWS Entry Chair at address on form below.

### MTWS MEMBERSHIP

The Montana Watercolor Society was founded in 1983 to encourage the advancement and creation of watercolor paintings in Montana and the nation. Membership is open to adult U.S. residents. Artists may send a separate check for \$30 with the entry form to join MTWS. Members receive a quarterly newsletter and Watermedia catalog; can display work at the Annual Members' Show in Lewistown; are eligible for the annual Member Watermedia Art Sale during Western Art Week in Great Falls; pay reduced fees for MTWS workshops and exhibits.

### LIABILITY

- MTWS will not be responsible for any loss or damage to any art submitted to this exhibition.
- Bigfork Art & Cultural Center will exercise all necessary precautions in the storage, handling and security of all paintings.
- BACC will assume insurance of paintings upon receipt of the signed contract agreement, inspection, and during the exhibition.
- Coverage will be provided for the fair market value of the work or the fair cost of repair.
- Neither MTWS nor BACC will be responsible for minor wear & tear resulting from normal handling.
- No paintings shall be released to the artist for any reason during the exhibition. The BACC will make every effort to hold all sold paintings until the close of the exhibition.

**Please note:** Detailed shipping and hand-delivery instructions will be mailed (or e-mailed) with acceptance notifications. **NO EARLY DELIVERY** of paintings to Bigfork Art & Cultural Center.

JUROR: Iain Stewart, AWS,NWS is a Scots born watercolor artist and a signature member of both the American and National Watercolor Societies. His work has appeared in watercolor publications including Artist Magazine, Splash 15, 16, 18, 20 and numerous others. Iain has received prestigious awards in international competition. In addition to gallery work, he is an architectural Illustrator with an international clientele and teaches watercolor and design drawing at Auburn University's School of Architecture. Visit Iain Stewart's website at <http://iainstew.fineartstudioonline.com>



**MTWS WATERMEDIA 2020 • CHECKLIST AND ENTRY FORM**

**DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES: June 1, 2020**

**Checklist**

\_\_\_ Payment: make checks payable to "MTWS"

•Member: \$25 (1 Image) or \$30 (2-3 Images)

•Nonmember: \$40 (1 Image) or \$45 (2-3 Images)

\_\_\_ JPG Image files to email or DVD with JPG Image(s)

\_\_\_ Optional: Include a separate \$30 check for joining MTWS.

\_\_\_ Completed Entry Form

\_\_\_ Self-addressed stamped #10 envelope (SASE) **OR** include your email address (for confirmation your entry was received).

*If your entry is juried in, shipping instruction form and contract will be sent electronically by e-mail or by US post as you prefer.*

**MTWS Watermedia Catalog 2020** Images of accepted paintings will be reproduced for the catalog. MTWS reserves reproduction rights of accepted paintings for promotional purposes.

**Physical Mailing address:**

Kristin Dahl Triol, MTWS Show Entry Chair  
3667 Helma Court  
Camarillo, CA 93010

**Email address:**

Email: kristintriol@gmail.com  
Phone: (805)402-8212

**•The total cost of shipping juried-accepted painting to and from the exhibit is the artist's responsibility.**

**MTWS Watermedia 2020 Entry Form - PRINT All Information Clearly**

LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIPCODE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Entry #1: \_\_\_\_\_ Type of PAPER : \_\_\_\_\_

Media: \_\_\_\_\_ Image Size (HxW): \_\_\_\_\_ PRICE: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Entry #2: \_\_\_\_\_ Type of PAPER: \_\_\_\_\_

Media: \_\_\_\_\_ Image Size (HxW): \_\_\_\_\_ PRICE: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Entry #3: \_\_\_\_\_ Type of PAPER : \_\_\_\_\_

Media: \_\_\_\_\_ Image Size (HxW): \_\_\_\_\_ PRICE: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*I hereby agree to the liability clause and to abide by all the rules and stipulations set forth in the Prospectus of MTWS Watermedia 2020.*

Artist's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle Applicable: *Member*    *Signature Member*    *Lifetime/Honorary Member*    *Non-member*

I heard about Watermedia 2020:  MTWS Website     Art Magazine \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_     I have included check for \$30 to join MTWS

*Current MTWS members need to verify that their MTWS Membership dues is paid through the year 2020. For a late renewal (after January 31, 2020), please include a separate \$35 renewal check with your entry. Thank you.*