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The Loft Artist Association is pleased to announce a call for entries for *Summer Abstracts*, our Spring/Summer Juried Exhibition. Our juror is Elizabeth Tardif, the founder of Cherry Street Art and Exhibition Manager at the Kershner Gallery in Fairfield, CT. All entries will be submitted and reviewed via [EntryThingy](#). The Show dates are Saturday, June 1 – Sunday, June 30, 2024. Deadlines include May 17, for entries, May 24, for artist notifications, and May 28-, for artwork delivery. An Opening Reception and Awards Ceremony will be held on Saturday, June 1, from 4-6 PM. The juror will speak about the exhibit on Sunday, June 16, from 2-3:30 PM at the gallery. The theme *Summer Abstracts* is interpretational, and all artists are invited to submit.

Summer Abstracts is an interpretational theme inviting artists to think about summer in an abstract context focusing on color, shape, design, texture, and movement within the context of what it means to consider the approaching summer. What are those feelings and senses that are evoked with the approach of summer? What are we, as artists, anticipating. How do we express that?

Juror

Elizabeth Tardif is the founder of Cherry Street Art, an art advisory and consulting service that provides promotional services for artists as well as providing a resource for consumers who want to purchase and invest in visual art. Liz works with clients all over Connecticut and with artists all over the globe. As the Exhibition Manager and Curatorial Committee Manager for the Kershner Gallery in Fairfield, Liz is responsible for organizing and executing a continuous calendar of exhibitions featuring a variety of art styles, techniques, and mediums. A dedicated advocate for visual arts and artists, Liz has delivered talks on multiple topics to encourage the appreciation of art including “The Art of Buying Art”, “The Importance of Art in Our Society”, “Incorporating Art into a Décor”. An artist herself, Liz works in both oil and acrylic but does not promote or market her own work.

The Loft Artists Association

Founded in 1978, The Loft Artists Association is a 501 (c) 3 non- profit organization of professional working artists dedicated to building connections within the visual arts community and offering many artistic and educational opportunities to the public free of charge. As an established cultural institution, their grassroots events attract thousands of visitors throughout the Tri-state area and have been recognized by funding agencies including the Connecticut Commission on the Arts, corporate and private sponsors, the City of Stamford and by visitors who return year after year. For more information, please visit [loftartists.org](#).

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Important Dates

- **Entry Deadline: May 17, 2022**
- **Notification to accepted artists: May 24, 2024**
- **Receiving: Tuesday, May 28, 3-5 pm and Wednesday, May 29, 11-1 pm**
- **Opening Reception: Saturday, June 1, 4-6 pm**
- **On view: June 1 to June 30, [check loftartists.org](http://checkloftartists.org) for gallery hours**
- **Pick up: Sunday, June , 30, 3:30-5 pm and Monday, July, 11-1 pm**

Submission Guidelines

- Open to all artists. Summer Abstracts theme is interpretational.
- Categories: Drawing, Painting, Printmaking, Sculpture, Ceramics, Photography, Digital Art, and Mixed Media.
- Maximum width for wall artwork is 60" before framing. Maximum height is 72" before framing. Gallery-wrap canvas without additional frame is permissible but must be securely wired for hanging. No saw-toothed hangers.
- For sculptures, the maximum height is 6'.
- There are some white stands available for sculptures on a first come first served basis.
- Works for sale are encouraged.
- Please note that all sales made during or because of this exhibit are subject to a 20% commission payable to the Loft Artists Association.
- Cash award to Best in Show and First Runner Up.

Nonrefundable Submission Fees:

- Loft Artist members: \$25 for first, \$10 each additional entry.
- Non-members: \$30 for first, \$15 each additional entry
- Maximum number of entries 5 per artist.
- **MULTIPLE ENTRIES** must be made at the same time on EntryThingy to receive a discount.
- LAA Members will enter a discount code when checking out.

Additional Submission Information

- All submissions are to be made online with high-quality digital images through [EntryThingy](#).
- Maximum file size: 5 MB
- Minimum file size: 40 kb
- Minimum image width: 600 pix
- Entry Deadline: May 17, 2024
- Entry is no guarantee of selection.
- All selected art must be delivered unpacked and ready to hang or display. Curators reserve the right to reject any selected work upon delivery if it appears substantially misrepresented by the submitted image. **Works should be delivered to the Loft Artist Association at 575 Pacific Street, Stamford, CT 2nd Floor. There is a \$10 fee per day for works not removed on pick up days.**
- Loft Artists Association will not be responsible for unpacking or re-shipping. A local shipping & handling service is available through The Packaging Store in Stamford. * (Details below). Or you can choose one of your own.
- Entry gives your consent to participate in this exhibition with the understanding that the Loft Artists Association cannot be held liable for any damage, loss, or dispute. Artists are responsible for delivery of sold artwork. Artists should self-insure their work.
- Entry gives your consent for selected works to be included in promotional materials printed and online. Please select the ok to publish option when submitting your entry or we will be unable to consider your artwork for the show.

***SHIPPING & HANDLING**

For your convenience, we have located a Stamford shipper (The Packaging Store) who has art shipment experience to receive, store, unpack and repack for return delivery.

LAA has no affiliation with The Packaging Store, and you must contact them directly to arrange shipping. Shipping as well as unpacking/packing, return, and any other shipping fees must be arranged by and paid directly to the local shipper:

The Packaging Store

[360 Fairfield Avenue](#)

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LAA is not responsible for your shipment. Shipping fees are NOT included in the entry fee.

We look forward to your submissions! For questions, contact event coordinators at laajuriedshows@gmail.com