



Up From The Cove -Charles Fenner Ball

Artist Prospectus 2018

The Castine Arts Association is pleased to announce that the 2018 festival will take place in Castine, ME over three days, from July 19 to 21.

ABOUT THE EXHIBITION

Castine Plein Air Festival is organized by the Castine Arts Association, a non-profit arts organization established in 1995 to promote awareness and appreciation of visual, literary and performing arts. This year's three-day plein air festival will take place on July 19, 20 and 21. The festival will include artist awards and an opportunity to sell work created during the event to the public. There will be a welcome cocktail reception for juried artists, sponsors, and CAA members on the evening of July 18th. On July 19th, the starting day of the event, artists will register at the Town Common beginning at 6:00 AM. The festival will conclude on the evening of July 21st with an exhibition and sale of the art created over three days of painting. Artists may paint at a variety of locations of their choosing within a defined area surrounding the town of Castine. All paintings must be done "en plein air" during the day of the event without the aid of photography, and with an 18" X 24" maximum canvas size. All submitted artwork, up to a maximum of six paintings, must be available for sale at the exhibition and sale. Any unsold art must be collected by the artist at the conclusion of the exhibition.

ARTIST AWARDS

The Castine Art Association will announce the awards just prior to the exhibition and art sale. Awards include cash and in-kind sponsor donations of artist materials.

ENTRY PROCESS

The Castine Plein Air Festival is a juried exhibition. The panel of CAA jurors will review all submitted applications and invite selected artists to participate in the event. For a non-refundable fee of \$25, applicants must submit three (3) digital images of their work and an artist bio. Images should be saved as separate jpeg files at 300 dpi, each labeled with your name, title of the piece, dimensions, medium and substrate (e.g. Claude Monet "Water Lilies #17", 9"x12" oil on panel). No single file should exceed 2MB in size. Also, in order to have your work display clearly, we recommend file sizes be no smaller than 300kb. All images must be of original "plein air" artwork, created by the applicant artist within the past two years. **All entries must be submitted by April 30, 2018** and emailed to info@castinearts.org -please include the words "Castine Plein Air Festival Entry" in the subject line. The artist's bio may be included in the same e-mail with your images, or included with your signed application.

Mail a completed and signed Entry Form and \$25 check payable to Castine Arts Association to:

**Castine Arts Association
Castine Plein Air Festival
PO Box 592
Castine, Maine 04421**

Notification of selected artists will be sent to each applicant via email no later than May 6, 2018. A 40% commission on all artwork sold during the Castine Plein Air Festival will be retained by the Castine Arts Association, with all event sales handled by CAA. All proceeds from the art sale will go towards funding the arts in Castine. Payment to artists for awards and work sold will be mailed within 30 days after the event ends.

In addition, there will be a limited amount of host housing available for artists on a first come first served bases. Please note your preference on the entry form. Also, since the hosts are opening their homes for several nights, we ask that the juried artist use consideration regarding inviting a spouse or partner.

ELIGIBILITY

Open to all artists 18 years and older and all mediums including oils, acrylics, watercolor, gouache and pastels. Please Note: Due to space constraints at the MMA this summer, we must limit our juried artist pool to a total of 25 artists.

EVENT CALENDAR

Entry Deadline: April 30, 2018.

Jury Notifications: May 6, 2018 Notifications will be emailed to all artist applicants. A list of the 25 accepted artists will also be posted online at www.castinearts.org.

Wednesday, July 18, 2018. Welcome cocktail reception for juried artists and sponsors.

Thursday, July 19, 2018, artist registration and Festival launch.

6:00 – 8:30AM: Artists check-in at the Castine Town Common to obtain their information packet and have their blank canvases stamped for the event. Only artwork with a stamp will be permitted in the Exhibition and Sale. Artists are then free to paint within identified areas (map included in packet).

Saturday, July 21, 2018. Reception exhibition and art sale, Alford Student Center, Maine Maritime Academy, Pleasant St.

12:00 – 2:00PM: Art setup timeframe. Each artist will be assigned a six foot table. At least one painting, and no more than six paintings, from each artist created during the three day event are due at the exhibition venue, framed and ready to hang. Three table easels will be provided by CAA for each artist. Artwork Information tags and an art inventory form (included in your information packet) must be filled out for each painting.

2:00 – 3:30PM: Judging of artwork. Venue restricted to judges and CAA officials.

3:30PM: Artists return for the Awards Ceremony. Winners will be announced and prizes awarded.

4:00 – 6:00PM: Public Exhibition and Art Sale. Artists will host their display tables. Artists will collect any unsold paintings at the conclusion of the evening's reception.

Castine Plein Air Festival

2018 Entry Form

Artist Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (home) _____ (cell) _____

E-mail _____

Website _____

I would like to be considered for host housing (circle one) Yes No

AGREEMENT WITH CASTINE ARTS ASSOCIATION

(Signature required)

By entering the Castine Plein Air Festival and exhibit, I affirm that I have read this entire prospectus, and by signing this entry form I agree to be bound by all terms outlined in it. If I am accepted, I understand that I am expected to participate in both the plein air competition and the Exhibition and Sale. I agree to pay a 40% commission to the Castine Arts Association for any work sold at the Exhibition. I also agree that images of work that I submit for jury and/or enter into the festival may be used by the Castine Arts Association for publicity purposes.

Signature _____

Date _____