

CU|29: Contemporary Work in Copper

* Call for Entries *

In conjunction with the Society of North American Goldsmiths SNAG 2012 Conference in Phoenix, Arizona, Mesa Art Center is presenting the exhibition, CU|29: Contemporary Work in Copper from April 6 to August 12, 2012. Copper, our 29th element, is prized for its excellent malleability, conductivity, and ductility. Arizona is the leading copper producing state in the U.S. This juried exhibition will feature contemporary artwork that is made primarily of copper. In addition to contemporary work, the exhibition will highlight exquisite copper vessels created in Santa Clara, Mexico borrowed from several private collections throughout the region. Mesa Contemporary Arts will be showcasing five exhibitions during SNAG and will be a destination spot during the Friday night gallery crawl.

Juror: David Huang is a renowned metalsmith known for his raised copper vessels. Widely exhibited throughout the U.S, David Huang's work is in many private collections and museum collections, including the Muskegon Museum of Art and the Kamm Teapot Collection. Publications include 500 Metal Vessels – Contemporary Explorations of Containment by Lark Books (2007) and "Inquire Within: The Holloware of David Huang" , published in Metalsmith Magazine (2008). He currently lives and maintains a studio in western Michigan.

Eligibility: Open to any artist working in copper. Pieces submitted for consideration must be original in design and composed of at least 75% copper. Artwork may include but is not limited to jewelry, vessels, sculpture, and wall pieces.

Submissions: Artists may submit up to 3 artworks for consideration for a \$25 fee. Entries must be submitted as digital images in JPEG format on a CD. Image resolution must be 200 dpi, with 6" as the longest dimension. Digital images should be named as follows:

LastName.EntryNumber.jpg (EX: Doe.1.jpg) Detail shots should be labeled as follows.
LastName.EntryNumber a.jpg (EX: Doe1a.jpg) Limit detail shots to 1 per piece. Also, include a PDF document on the CD that contains Artistcontact information (name, address, phone number, email) AND the following information for each piece:

Artist Name
Entry Number
Title
Dimensions
Materials

Label this file as: LastName.pdf (EX: Doe.pdf)

Submissions and the \$25 entry fee, payable to Arizona Designer Craftsmen, must be received by November 18, 2011.

Mail entries to:
SNAG Exhibitions Committee
c/o Charity Hall
P.O. Box 3615
Tucson, AZ 85722

Transportation/Shipping: Artists are responsible for transportation of work to Mesa Contemporary Arts. Artworks may be hand-delivered to MCA or shipped to arrive on or before 5 pm March 16, 2012. Work being shipped must be packed in a re-usable shipping container. Artists are responsible for checking with their shipper regarding insurance and correct packing procedures. Mesa Contemporary Arts will not be responsible for breakage because of incorrect packing or insufficient container. Artists will be notified of work that arrives in damaged condition. Cost of shipping artwork to the exhibition is the artist's responsibility; MCA will pay for return shipping and insurance of artwork within the contiguous United States, via standard UPS only. If any other carriers are requested for the return, the artist will be responsible for the cost and scheduling.

Liability: Insurance will be carried by the City of Mesa on all works for the duration of the show (April 6 to August 12, 2012). The usual exclusions will apply for loss or damage which occur by any event beyond the control of the City.

Agreement: The artist agrees to maintain entry for the duration of the exhibition. Submission of an entry constitutes permission to photograph work for publicity and educational purposes. All entries must be of original design and personal execution. Artwork may be for sale at the artist's discretion. A 25% commission will be retained by MCA on all sales.

Calendar:

November 18, 2011. Submissions must be received

January 15, 2012 Artists will be notified of acceptance/denial via email

March 16, 2012 Work must arrive at the Mesa Contemporary Arts by 5 pm

May 25, 2012 Member's VIP Reception: 6-7 pm; Public Reception: 7-9 pm

April 6-August 12, 2012 Exhibition Dates. Work will be shipped out for return during the week of August 27th, 2012.

Questions may be directed to SNAG2012exhibitions@gmail.com