

SMA Spring Exhibition 2017

Judge (Sanja Zemljacenko Herrmann) general comments on exhibition

Congratulations to all the participating artists on a diverse and engaging exhibition. With so many high quality, technically proficient, and aesthetically appealing works, the judging process was not an easy task. The works range from traditional subject matter and meticulous techniques, to expressive depictions, and to boldly unconventional themes and experimental execution. From delicate colours, forms, and intricacy, to vibrant palettes, energetic brushwork, and beautiful atmospheric effects.

While I had a list of criteria to go by, my choices for the awards were ultimately subjective and determined by the initial visual impact of a piece, how the visual elements, the subject matter, and the techniques combined to create a striking work.

Thank you for inviting me and trusting me in this process.

Best in Show



Lia Johnston "Hippo Beach, Lazyriver Winery"

Lia has captured a timeless and alluring scene. A beautiful sense of place and space. One is drawn into the landscape by the meandering direction of light through the composition. While there is a feeling of stillness and calm depicted by the tranquil composition, and the naturalistic colour palette used, there is also a vibrant energy felt through the dynamic brushwork.