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THE MONTCLAIR ART MUSEUM ANNOUNCES *THE NEW JERSEY ARTS ANNUAL: FINE ARTS JURIED EXHIBITION*

New Media: New Forms

Artwork Submissions Will Be Accepted December 5, 2011 – February 3, 2012

MONTCLAIR, NJ, October 21, 2011— The Montclair Art Museum (MAM) will be accepting submissions of artwork for consideration to be exhibited in *The New Jersey Arts Annual: Fine Arts* beginning December 5, 2011. *The New Jersey Arts Annual* is a unique series of Fine Arts and Crafts exhibitions highlighting the works of visual artists and craftspeople in the state. The *Arts Annual* series is co-sponsored by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts presented in collaboration with major New Jersey museums including the Montclair Art Museum, the Morris Museum, The Newark Museum, the Noyes Museum of Art, and the New Jersey State Museum,.

New Media, New Forms will be the theme of MAM's *The New Jersey Arts Annual: Fine Arts* 2012. As the world becomes increasingly digitized, many contemporary artists are incorporating new technologies and forms into their work. We are seeking New Jersey artists producing work that actively and innovatively engages with digital media, in terms of process, form, or content; examples might range from “new media art” including digital animation, video, or sound; to digital photography; to works in more traditional media that draw on digital imagery as a source. The juried show is open to artists currently living or working in New Jersey and who engage with digital media in their work.

Jurors for the exhibition are Curator of Contemporary Art Alexandra Schwartz, of the Montclair Art Museum, and Kelly Baum, Haskell Curator of Modern and Contemporary Art at the Princeton University Art Museum.

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A prospectus and additional information will be available on MAM's website www.montclairartmuseum.org starting December 5, 2011, or by calling MAM Curatorial Assistant Kimberly Fisher at 973-259-5142. There is no entry fee. Applicants are required to submit the entry form in the prospectus, as well as a CD or DVD of high resolution JPEG images or video files of their work with complete identifying information, a current résumé, and an artist's statement by February 3, 2012. The exhibition will take place at MAM April 19 through July 22, 2012, in its Marion Mann Roberts Gallery.

The New Jersey State Council on the Arts

The New Jersey State Council on the Arts is a division of the NJ Department of State. It receives funding in direct appropriations from the State of New Jersey through a dedicated Hotel/Motel Occupancy fee and grants from the National Endowment for the Arts. Since 1965, its volunteer members and professional staff have worked to improve the quality of life in New Jersey by helping the arts to flourish. For more information about the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, please visit www.njartscouncil.org.

About the Museum

The Montclair Art Museum, a notable, community-based institution with an international reputation, boasts a renowned collection of American and Native American art that uniquely highlights art making in the United States over the last three hundred years. The collection includes more than 12,000 objects: paintings, prints, original works on paper, photographs, and sculpture by American artists from the 18th century to the present, as well as traditional and contemporary Native American art and artifacts representing the cultural developments of peoples from all of the major American Indian regions. The Museum's education programs serve a wide public and bring artists, performers, and scholars to the Museum on a regular basis. MAM's Yard School of Art is the leading regional art school, offering a multitude of comprehensive courses for children, teens, adults, seniors, and professional artists.

The Montclair Art Museum is located at 3 South Mountain Avenue in Montclair, N.J. Information and directions are available on the Museum website, montclairartmuseum.org, or by calling 973-746-5555. MAM is open Wednesdays through Sundays, Noon – 5 p.m., and closed on Mondays, Tuesdays, and major holidays. Museum admission is \$12 for nonmember adults, \$10 for senior citizens and students with I.D., and free for members and children under 12.

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