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DAC invites artist Holly Roberts to jury *40th Annual Juried Art Exhibit* opening May 27

(Durango, CO) -- The Durango Arts Center (DAC) announces artist Holly Roberts (Corrales, NM) as the juror for the *40th Annual Juried Art Exhibit*, opening May 27 in the Barbara Conrad Gallery at DAC. Roberts is a photographer and painter, and has twice been the recipient of National Endowment for the Arts Fellowships. She is well regarded by curators and fellow artists and her work resides in many permanent collections. The competition is open to all artists working in any 2D and 3D media, except film. Artwork submissions for the exhibit are due to DAC on May 24 between 10am and 2pm. The Opening Reception will be held from 5 to 7pm on May 27 and the show will be on view until June 25. A Closing Reception will be held on June 23 from 5 to 7pm in conjunction with DAC's Open House event. The Annual *Salon des Refuses* will be held at Steamworks Brewing Company from May 27 through June 25.

DAC's *Annual Juried Exhibit* is a long-standing tradition which has attracted the attention of regional artists for these many years. Customarily, jurors select the artwork which will be installed in the Barbara Conrad Gallery at DAC, they also determine both monetary and honorary awards. An alternative installation, the *Salon des Refuses* at Steamworks Brewing Company, is an additional legitimate venue for those pieces not included in the final selection by the juror for the DAC exhibition. Over the years DAC has enlisted the expertise of varied jurors. Dependent on their educational and artistic backgrounds, differing visual disciplines and curatorial practices, different works are selected.

Artists interested in submitting artwork should visit durangoarts.org for eligibility requirements, full submission guidelines and calendar.

The exhibit is sponsored by Steamworks Brewing.

Holly Roberts will be instructing a two-day mixed media workshop at DAC, "Putting It All Together: Paint and Collage," Saturday and Sunday, October 8th and 9th. Interested persons may sign up at durangoarts.org.

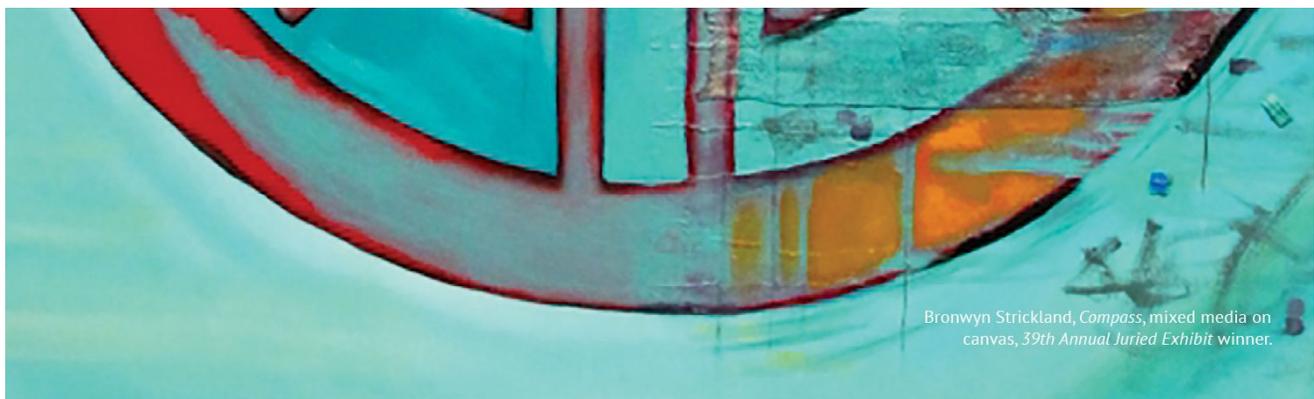
About Holly Roberts

Holly Roberts, born in Santa Fe, New Mexico, earned an M.F.A. from Arizona State University. Tempe, in 1981. Her pieces are nationally and internationally exhibited and have been published in three monographs. She has twice received National Endowment for the Arts Fellowships. She currently lives and works in Corrales, New Mexico with her husband, Robert Wilson.

Roberts works intuitively, painting an abstract painting on a panel before applying her signature photo fragments. She uses muted colors of paint and black-and-white photographs to create images that are filled with humor, irony and mythology. Her metamorphic beings illustrate archetypal emotional or dream states, although her subject matter has expanded from the internal to a wider worldview, touching on religion, technology and the environment. Roberts art is bold, a bit brash and almost always irreverent. Her work can be found on her website: www.hollyrobertsstudio.com

About DAC

DAC is a multi-faceted hub for community arts that hosts and promotes contemporary visual and performing arts, arts education, dynamics exhibits, an active Docent program and the annual Durango Autumn Arts Festival. Over the years, DAC has built its reputation as a local arts industry leader and has been working diligently to ensure that the arts continue to thrive in the Four Corners region and beyond. <http://durangoarts.org>.



Bronwyn Strickland, *Compass*, mixed media on canvas, 39th Annual Juried Exhibit winner.

JURIED BY HOLLY ROBERTS

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