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Wichita National All-Media Exhibition to Open September 8 With Juror Talk

WICHITA, Kan. — Mark Arts will open its Wichita National All-Media Exhibition on Friday, September 8. The exhibition, which is underwritten by the Fred and Mary Koch Foundation, will remain on display through October 15.

The public is invited to an opening reception from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on September 8. Juror Kyle Reicher of Richmond, California, who earned an MFA from Wichita State University, will give a talk about the exhibition and his work at 6:45 p.m. at Mark Arts, 9112 E. Central Ave.

Reicher was an artist in residence at Mark Arts in 1993. His sculpture *Untitled (Earth House)* will be making the move with us to our new campus at 1307 N. Rock Road that opens in January 2018.

The Wichita National occurs biennially and is Mark Arts' longest running and most diverse exhibition. Visitors will enjoy a fantastic array of artistry in acrylic, ceramics, fiber, jewelry, mixed media, oil, photography, printmaking, sculpture, watercolor and more. All artworks in the exhibition are for sale.

Reicher, the juror, selected 83 works for exhibition and conferred the following awards:

Mary R. Koch Memorial Award - \$1,000

Return to Classicism — Portrait of a Lady by Yeqiang Wang of Topeka

Second Place - \$750

Pasture Survey — Blue Cow and Sun by Michael Pointer of Wichita

Third Place - \$500

Artifice by James Ehlers of Emporia

Honorable Mention - \$250

Listening to Trees by Rick Frisbie of Salina

Basement — Woman Exploring After Husband's Death Blue by Justin Lister of McPherson

Blue by Michael Rohde of Westlake Village, California

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About Mark Arts

The mission of Mark Arts is to be a vibrant arts hub in Wichita and the region by providing opportunities to appreciate and create art in an atmosphere of lifelong learning. It was originally founded in 1920 as the Wichita Art Association, later became The Wichita Center for the Arts and is the area's oldest visual arts organization. The galleries are open 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. Admission is free. Visit MarkArtsKS.com or call 316.634.2787.