

À La Mode: The Language of Fashion in Art

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Fashion has always been more than what we wear—it is a narrative, a means of expressing identity, status, and culture. Mark Arts is delighted to present *À la Mode: The Language of Fashion in Art*, an exhibition that explores the profound connection between fashion and fine art.

Throughout history, artists have used clothing, accessories, and hairstyles to position their subjects in time and space, communicating complex ideas about personality and lifestyle. From the daring innovation of John Singer Sargent's *Madame X* in 1884 to Amy Sherald's groundbreaking portrait of Michelle Obama, fashion has served as a tool to challenge conventions and spark dialogue.



Curated by juror Shana Levenson, this exhibition brings together works that celebrate and question the role of fashion in artistic expression. We are thrilled to host Shana Levenson for an artist talk and Artisan Academy Workshop, offering our community an unparalleled opportunity to engage with her expertise.

This exhibition exemplifies Mark Arts' commitment to showcasing innovative and thought-provoking works that inspire creativity and dialogue. We are grateful to our sponsors, patrons, and supporters for making this experience possible and for helping us continue to foster a vibrant cultural landscape.

Thanks for helping inspire the artists in each of us!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Katy Dorrah".

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Award Winners

First Place - \$1,500

Her Gown III by Juan Gonzalez

Second place - \$700

Satin and Fur by Robin Williamson

Third place - \$500

Reluctant Traveler by Brady Sloan Duncan

Honorable mentions - \$100

Before the Fête by Gabrielle Tito

Obot 3 by Trish Dool

Aura by Béle Benard

Cover image: Juan Gonzalez – *Her Gown III*, detail – First Place



Mission

The mission of Mark Arts is to be a vibrant regional arts hub by providing opportunities to appreciate and create art in an atmosphere of lifelong learning.



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THIS EXHIBITION IS PRESENTED BY



Juror **Shana Levenson**

Shana Levenson is an accomplished representational painter based in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Her artistic journey began with a Bachelors in Art in Fashion Design from The University of Texas, Austin. After the birth of her



children in 2009 and 2010, she pursued and completed an Masters of Fine Arts in Fine Art Painting from the Academy of Art University in San Francisco. Her work primarily focuses on portraiture and the figure, often capturing people who are significant in her life. Levenson aims to tell each person's story in an authentic and meaningful way, drawing inspiration from her own experiences.

Levenson is known for her hyperrealistic style, where she emphasizes delicate and feminine details in her subjects, like body shape, lace, and jewelry. Her background in fashion has notably influenced her latest series of paintings featuring lace. Additionally, she incorporates surrealistic elements in her current work, highlighting the strength and beauty of women.

Beyond her painting career, Levenson is deeply involved in education. She teaches workshops out of her studio, mentors students, and conducts workshops worldwide. These teaching experiences have shaped her patience and approach as an artist, allowing her to tailor her guidance to each artist's individual journey.

Levenson's exhibition experiences have been significant and memorable throughout her career. Her first exhibition in Louisville, CO, was a pivotal moment, where she realized the potential for her work to connect with a broader audience. Her artwork has been featured in numerous exhibitions nationally and internationally. She exhibits in galleries across the United States including Rehs Gallery in New York City, Sugarlift gallery in New York City, Corey Hellford Gallery in Los Angeles, and Abend Gallery in Denver.

Shana Levenson's work has evolved over the years, and she continues to challenge herself with each new piece, striving for growth and improvement. Her commitment to her art and her community, both as an artist and an educator, makes her a notable figure in contemporary realism.

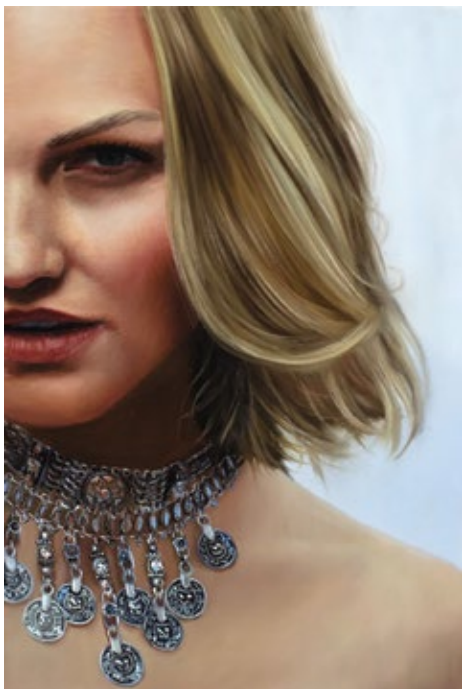


Shana Levenson

Beaded Necklace

oil on aluminum panel

25" x 18" \$7,500



Shana Levenson

Coin Necklace

oil on aluminum panel

9" x 6" \$2,500

Exhibiting Artists



Collin Allen Wichita, KS *Dot By Dot*
Mixed media 30" X 60" \$3,000



Collin Allen Wichita, KS *Sun Child*
Mixed media 60" X 52" \$5,000



Kara Allen Falls Church, VA *Enveloped*
Oil on canvas 36" X 18" \$1,300



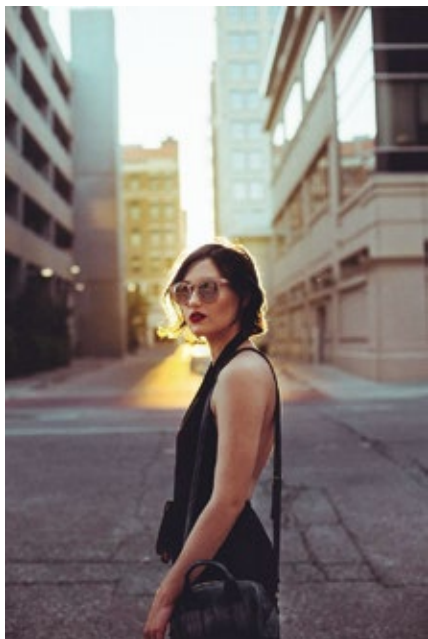
Kara Allen Falls Church, VA *Assessed*
Oil on canvas 36" X 24" \$2,300



Kara Allen Falls Church, VA *Compose*
Oil on canvas 24" X 18" \$1,900



Brandin Barón San Francisco, CA
Meli Gómez wears Guo Pei (1001 Nights)
Photograph/digital illustration on paper with
mixed media 21" X 17" \$800



Béle Benard Wichita, KS *Aura*
Photography 18" X 12" \$700

HONORABLE MENTION

Exhibiting Artists



Béle Benard Wichita, KS *The Feminine*
Digital photograph on metal
20" X 16" \$1,200



Mary Binford Miller El Dorado, KS
Retro Sparkles Oil 22" X 12" \$1,600



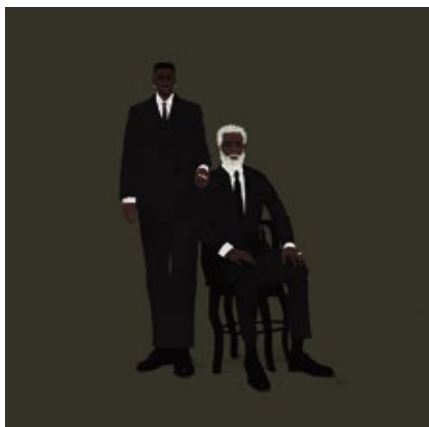
Carmen Bruhn Detroit Lakes, MN
Carmen's Collection Acrylic on canvas
20" X 20" \$700



Nate Collier Brooklyn, NY *Black on Black*
Digital media print on canvas 12" X 12" \$100



Nate Collier Brooklyn, NY *Twin*
Digital media print on canvas 12" X 12" \$100



Nate Collier Brooklyn, NY *The OG*
Digital media print on canvas 12" X 12" \$100



Angela Corson Kingwood, TX *Tight Fitting*
Metal 19" X 17" X 5" \$4,500

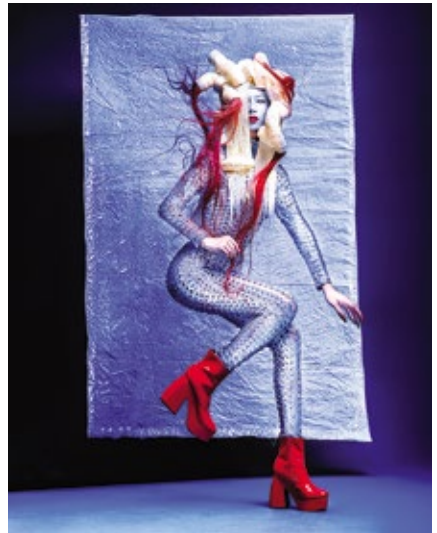
Exhibiting Artists



Behnaz Darabi Ruston, LA *Closet*
Oil painting on canvas 16" X 12" \$1,150



Behnaz Darabi Ruston, LA *Women's Voice*
Oil on canvas 20" X 16" \$4,400



Trish Dool Wichita, KS *OBot 1*
Hair 45" \$7,000



HONORABLE MENTION

Trish Dool Wichita, KS *OBot 3*
Hair 45" \$7,000



Karen Eisele Houston, TX *Antique Mirror*
Egg tempera, bole and 24k gold leaf
on clayboard 36" X 18" \$3,000



Roberta Dyer San Diego, CA *Pride*
Mixed media 40" X 30" \$2,100



Karen Eisele Houston, TX *Halo*
Egg tempera, clay bole, 24k gold leaf
12" X 9" \$960

Exhibiting Artists



Engy Elgarf Andover, KS *Contrast*
Wire, wire mesh, clay, plaster, stencil, and acrylic paint 48" X 32" X 3" \$2,600



Engy Elgarf Andover, KS *Fibers of Home*
Wire, mesh, clay, plaster, resin, and acrylic paint 32" X 30" X 4" \$1,200



Linda Ganstrom Hays, KS *Invitation*
Ceramic and fabric 7' X 11' X 7' \$15,000



Linda Ganstrom Hays, KS *Duchess*
Painted porcelain on a steel base with fabric 68" X 35" X 35" \$5,000



Linda Ganstrom Hays, KS *Still Standing*
Ceramic and fabric 55" X 57" X 38" \$7,000



Kassandra Gibson Stillwater, OK *Arabesque*
Welded steel rod, fabric, acrylic paint
60" X 40" X 14" \$1,200



Jennifer Gironda Dania Beach, FL
March 30, 2024 - *Iris Apfel Fashion Illustration*
Acrylic and marker on paper 10" X 8" \$500



Jennifer Gironda Dania Beach, FL
March 25, 2024 - *Iris Apfel Fashion Illustration*
Acrylic and marker on paper 10" X 8" \$500

Exhibiting Artists



FIRST PLACE

Juan Gonzalez Miami, FL *Her Gown III*
Handcut and painted paper, assembled
65" X 48" X 12" \$2,200



Bella Gurevich Saint Louis, MO
Beauty and the Little Beast Fabric
30" X 20" \$4,000



Cathleen Gordon Bay City, OR
Woman with Bird #1 Painting 16" X 16" \$800



Bryce Holt Kansas City, MO *A Good Buzz*
Acrylic 48" X 36" \$2,950



Bryce Holt Kansas City, MO *Escape Velocity*
Acrylic on canvas 36" X 96" \$2,950



Bryce Holt Kansas City, MO *Queen of Hearts*
Acrylic 48" X 36" \$4,950

Bryce Holt Kansas City, MO
Up the Down Staircase Acrylic on canvas
48" X 24" \$2,450

Exhibiting Artists



Chris Hornsby Knoxville, TN
Long Dusty Coat Mixed media
41" X 33" X 23" \$8,500



Chris Hornsby Knoxville, TN *She Cometh*
Mixed media 62" X 30" X 30" \$1,924



Maria Housley Portland, OR
Too Cool for School Oil on wood panel
20" X 16" \$1,200



Brenda Jones Peyton, CO *Preparation*
Terra cotta and glazes 8" X 10" X 15" \$600



Brenda Jones Peyton, CO *Prairie Queen*
Fibers, stitched and encaustic 12' X 5' \$700



Jess LaPrade Corpus Christi, TX
Feel My Infinity Oil 17" X 14" \$3,600



Justin Lister Park City, KS *Green and Gold*
Photograph 17" X 22" \$500



Justin Lister Park City, KS *London*
Photograph 17" X 22" \$500

Exhibiting Artists



Justin Lister Park City, KS
Woman in Velvet in an Empty Flat
Photography 22" X 17" \$500



Jean McGuire Shawnee, KS *The Dandies*
Oil on canvas 36" X 24" \$2,000



Deborah Meyers New York, NY
Birds Sterling silver, 18k gold, rose cut diamonds, Keshi pearls
1" X 1" \$2,000



Deborah Meyers New York, NY
Midnight Sun Pendant 22k gold with 22k gold granulation, dendritic agate with sphene
(chain not included) 1.5" X 2" \$6,500



Arend Neyhouse Newark, DE *Last Call*
Oil on canvas 18" X 14" \$2,000



Arend Neyhouse Newark, DE
Art Appreciation Oil on canvas
18" X 24" \$2,500



Brenda Noiseux Manchester, NH
Consequential Mending Fiber arts
50" X 25" \$500



Stephanie Pierson Sacramento, CA *Bhoys*
Paper collage 12" X 12" \$595

Exhibiting Artists



Stephanie Pierson Sacramento, CA *Nice Tomatoes* Paper collage 12" X 12" \$595



Brandon Raabe Hurricane, UT *Sunglasses and Wool* Oil 24" X 18" \$1,150



Ronnie Rector Incline Village, NV *Faire Queen* Watercolor, 22.5" X 15" \$500



Maggy Rozycki Hiltner Red Lodge, MT *Aloette See Voo Play* Archival inkjet print on wood 36" X 24" \$1,100



Elaine Rusk Bel Aire, KS *Dancing Sun* Glass
20" X 1" X 1" X 8.5" \$350

Maggy Rozycki Hiltner Red Lodge, MT
Mitzki Schomp Archival inkjet print on wood
36" X 24" \$1,100



Autumn Savage Bixby, OK
Look Me in the Eye Sculpture
4" X 7.5" X 4" \$300



Elaine Rusk Bel Aire, KS *Dancing Sun* Glass
9" X 1" X 1" \$225

Exhibiting Artists



Autumn Savage Bixby, OK *Tread Lightly*
Sculpture 5.5" X 4" X 8.5" \$320



Paul Schulenburg Eastham, MA
Joanna in Edwardian Clothing Oil on panel
18" X 14" \$1,500



Jim Simpson Wichita, KS
Nashville Suited and Booted Acrylic, collage,
embroidery, rhinestones 19" X 14.25" \$800



Brady Sloane Duncan Abilene, TX
Camouflage Oil on aluminum panel
36" X 24" \$3,900



THIRD PLACE

Brady Sloane Duncan Abilene, TX
Reluctant Traveler Oil on panel
20" X 16" \$2,800



Damia Smith Seattle, WA *Fragile Myths I*
Packaging paper, cotton thread, methylcellulose
8' X 4' \$800



Richard P. Stevens Tallahassee, FL
Perched on the Rail Digital photographic art
print 30" X 22" \$500



Tommy Ta Wichita, KS *Elegantly Vibrant*
Watercolors, crayons, graphite ink, and glitter
paints 14" X 11" \$650

Exhibiting Artists



Tommy Ta Wichita, KS *Immutable Elegance*
Watercolor, crayons, acrylic paint, and
graphite ink 14" X 11" \$650



Gabrielle Tito New York, NY
She Sewed Me a Secret Oil on linen panel
12" X 9" \$7,500



Gabrielle Tito New York, NY
Before the Fête Oil on linen panel
14" X 11" \$10,000

HONORABLE MENTION



Austin Turley Portland, OR
Green Token #1 (Slant) Glass
2" X 1.25" X 7.5" \$600



Austin Turley Portland, OR
Green Token #2 (Triangle) Glass
1.5" X 3" X 7.5" \$700



Rhonda Urdang Flagstaff, AZ *Frida Kahlo & Federico Garcia Lorca in Quarantine w Themselves Femmage wint handcut found paper, historical elements, NY Times*
45" X 36" \$8,000



Yeqiang Wang Topeka, KS
Return to Classicism-Portrait of Giovanna
Oil on canvas 42" X 29" \$22,000



Robin Williamson Sugar Land, TX
Madame S Oil 18" X 14" \$3,800

Exhibiting Artists



Ernest Wood Wichita, KS *Sanctuary*
Oil on linen 40" X 30" \$11,430



Ernest Wood Wichita, KS *On the Road*
Oil on linen 43" X 29" \$12,310



SECOND PLACE

Robin Williamson Sugar Land, TX
Satin and Fur Oil 20" X 16" \$4,000

Upcoming Events

Rodeo Drive: ICT Style

February 6-8

Annual Art Market & Open House

February 22

Versus: A Live Art Battle

June 5

CRAVE Culinary Festival

September 16-20

Holiday Tables

November 6-9

Upcoming Exhibitions

Wichita Women Artists 75th Anniversary

School of Creativity Salon

January 3 – 25

Eastern Scholastic Art Awards

School of Creativity Gallery & Youth Gallery

February 7 – March 29

School of Creativity Salon

Gladys & Karl T. Wiedemann Gallery

April 4 – May 17

Congressional Art Awards

School of Creativity Gallery

April 11 – May 10



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