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December at the Ocean City Center for the Arts features the best artworks of 2020

OCEAN CITY, MD – **Dec. 1, 2020** – The Art League of Ocean City announces their new shows for December 2020, opening on First Friday, Dec. 4. The exhibits will be available during December to view in person with social distancing at the Ocean City Center for the Arts on 94th St. and also online at <u>www.ArtLeagueOfOceanCity.org</u>.

The Galleria features the "Best of 2020" group show exhibiting artwork that has won awards in the Art Center's 2020 shows. "This is a unique opportunity to see all our award winners in one place at one time," Rina Thaler, executive director of the Arts Center, said, "and a way for collectors to be confident they are purchasing a top-quality piece of art."

Original small works of art, no larger than 12x12", specially priced for gift giving, will be available in Studio E.

The annual all-media Art League members' juried show will open in the Thaler Gallery with cash prizes. The juror, Jayme McLellan, is a curator, educator, artist, and writer, and currently an adjunct lecturer at Georgetown University in the Art & Art History Department. McLellan also manages two private art collections that include works by Louise Bourgeois, Sam Gilliam, William Klein, Henri Cartier-Bresson, Harry Callahan, Aaron Siskind, Rosalind Solomon, JungJin Lee, David Lynch, Noelle K. Tan, and more.

The artwork of Megan Burak of West Ocean City will hang in the Spotlight Gallery in December. A contemporary realist oil painter, she graduated in 2015 from Salisbury University, where her work is in their permanent collection. This exhibit features her "Beach Realm Creations" prints of the Ocean City Boardwalk.

The jewelry of Laura Ellison of Princess Anne, Md. is featured in December's Artisan Showcase. A self-taught artist, she creates colorful, contemporary, nature-inspired jewelry with mixed metals and resin that is bold and distinctive.

Admission is always free to the Ocean City Center for the Arts at 502 94th Street, home of the Art League of Ocean City, a non-profit organization dedicated to bringing the visual arts to the community through education, exhibits, scholarship, programs and community art projects. More information is available at 410-524-9433 or <u>ArtLeagueOfOceanCity.org</u>.

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