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Torrington's Five Points Gallery exhibiting 60 artists in juried show



Anna Webersen: "Fragile Nature" | Glass and Wood | 33" x 12" x 12", is part of the new juried show opening Aug. 3 with a public reception Aug. 4 at Five Points Gallery in Torrington. Contributed photo

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TORRINGTON >> Five Points Gallery announces the opening of the 2017 Five Points Biennial Juried Exhibition. The show will open on Aug. 3 and will run through Sept. 2. The opening reception is free and open to the public and will take place on Friday, Aug. 4, 6-8:30 p.m.

The 2017 Biennial was juried by Joe Fig. Fig is an artist, author and the Head of Fine Arts / Visual Studies at Ringling College of Art and Design. His paintings, sculptures, photographs, drawings and videos have been exhibited nationally and internationally. He is the author of the acclaimed *Inside the Painter's Studio* and *Inside the Artist's Studio* (Princeton Architectural Press), which shares an intimate view inside the studios of today's leading artists. His work is included in numerous museums and leading private collections. Joe Fig is an advisory board member of Five Points and is represented by Cristin Tierney Gallery in New York.

Fig selected 60 artists representing 15 states from a field of nearly 1000 submitted images. The featured artists are: Aaron M. Flynn, Adrian Pulido, Aedan O'Brien, Amy Ozga, Anna Webersen, Ashley Visconti, Barbara Marks, Ben Dworski-Riggs, Benjamin Madeska, Benjamin S. Jones, Ben Rosecrans, Brandon Brownlee, Candace Wark, Candice Flewharty, Chris Perry, Christopher Priebe, Claudine Metrick, Danuta Syp Gordon, DeAnn Prosia, Deborah Gillespie, Deborah Sacks, Ethan Newman, Fehmida Chipty, Gina Kingsley, Helen Cantrell, Ira Upin, Jacob Cullers, James O'Donnell, Jason Tanner Young, Joan Zagrobleny, John Humphries, John Johnson, John Kayrouz, John Wheat, Joseph Saccio, Karl Goulet, Keri Halloran, Kristen Walsh, Laura Viola Preciado, Lindsay Garcia, Lousie Laplante, Mark Römisch, Mark Williams, Mary Agnes Williams, Max Seinfeld, Megan Crist, Nan Runde, Nicholas Hullibarger, Niki Kriese, Penny

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Putnam, Peter Coffeen, Renee Brown, Ryan Chapman, Shulin Sun, Stephanie Serpick, Sue Lezon, Tom Hlas, Tracy Ostmann-Haschke, Virginia Rougon- Chavis, Vittorio Ottaviani.

Fig's selection of the exhibition's single award, a 2018 solo exhibition will be announced at the Opening reception on Friday, August 3.

In conjunction with the juried show, Five Points will present a special gallery talk by Robert Calafiore, artist and Assistant Dean of the Hartford Art School, University of Hartford. Calafiore's talk, What Art is... Not, will take place on Aug. 25, at 6 p.m. Members of the public are encouraged to attend the talk. Admission is free.

Ten percent of the gallery commission on work sold in the exhibition will be donated to the Susan B Anthony Project.

Located in a historic downtown building, Five Points is a non-profit 501c(30 contemporary art gallery showcasing regional, national, and international visual artists. The gallery presents exhibitions in three beautifully renovated exhibition spaces and has earned the reputation as one of Connecticut's outstanding contemporary arts venues.