

Arena Art Group Background

Arena Art Group (AAG) was begun in 1951 by a small group of artists who gathered at the Arena Theatre in Rochester. They would display their artwork outdoors on easels during intermission. They were particularly interested in the new and unusual artwork coming out of Europe at that time. The Arena Group became the first art group in Rochester to promote contemporary art. Presently, the Arena Art Group lists 50 active members. We encourage any artist of like mind and energy to explore admittance.

Over the years the Arena Art Group has exhibited in many of the Rochester area and Upstate N.Y. galleries and showcases. The City of Rochester is adorned by several artworks created by its members.

Mission

Painting/Sculpture/Photo/Collage/Mixed Media

We, the Arena Art Group, desire to further the understanding and appreciation of abstract art in all its varied forms. Our ultimate goal and purpose is to explore Imaginative and current subject matter, which is visually strong, intellectually stimulating, professionally executed and exhibited.

“Provoking the mind and avoiding the mundane” Achille Forgione

Membership

Offers: Generally two to three opportunities a year to exhibit art work in a group show with a wide variety of artists.

Requirements: A \$25 application fee (which, if accepted, goes toward AAG annual dues), \$60 yearly dues, a general meeting twice a year, volunteering for a committee and/or various necessary activities, such as, hanging exhibits, opening night refreshments, cleaning up after events, computer and publicity skills. AAG also welcomes any other skill you might offer the group.

Application for Arena Art Group

Name of Candidate

Address

Contact info: e-mail, phone, website

Association with member of AAG, if there is one

Presentation

CV or resume, preferably in digital format

Artist Statement, brief (one paragraph)

Application fee: \$25. (If artist is accepted, fee goes toward annual dues). Checks made payable to Arena Art Group

Art Submissions

10-15 works - digital images on CD

Choose your strongest medium

Label and title each artwork

Include dimensions for each work

Note the year artwork was completed

2-D crop image to show only work - (should be on gray or black background)

3-D may have different view of same piece

Arrange from most current work to 5 years prior

Label CD with your name and date

Protect CD in a case

Mail package to: Membership Chairperson, Arena Art Group, P.O.Box # 18603, Rochester, N.Y. 14618

Arena Art Group Membership Procedure

Membership Chairperson checks packet and notifies artist of receipt of materials. Membership Committee may request an interview with the applicant before recommending the artist to the next stage. When the application is completed the packet is presented to the Steering Committee for a vote. If the artist is accepted, the Steering Committee presents the artwork at the general group meeting for the group to vote on. Membership Chairperson will notify the artist within 48 hours of the decision. If accepted as an Arena Art Group member, AAG requests one image to be used on the website.