



VISUAL ARTS ALLIANCE

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TWENTY SEVENTH JURIED OPEN EXHIBITION

April 29 through May 28, 2010

**Williams Tower Gallery
2800 Post Oak Blvd.
Houston, TX 77056**

Juror: Keith Carter 2009 Texas Medal of Arts recipient Keith Carter holds the endowed Walles Chair of Art at Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas. He is also the recipient of Artist of the Year award from the Houston Art League and the winner of the Lange-Taylor Prize from the Center for Documentary Studies at Duke University. He is the author of eleven previous books: *Fireflies*, *A Certain Alchemy*, *Opera Nuda*, *Ezekiel's Horse*, *Holding Venus*, *Keith Carter Photographs: Twenty-Five Years*, *Bones*, *Heaven of animals*, *Mojo*, *The Blue Man*, and *From Uncertain to Blue*. A DVD documentary of his work titled *The Photographer's Series: Keith Carter* was produced by Anthropy Arts in 2006.

Carter's work is included in numerous private and public collections, including the National Portrait Gallery, Washington D.C., the Art Institute of Chicago; the Smithsonian American Art Museum; the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art; the J. Paul Getty Museum, Los Angeles; the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston; the George Eastman House, Rochester, NY; and the Wittliff Collection of Southwestern & Mexican Photography, San Marcos, Texas.

Calendar of Events

<u>Wed., March 3, 2010</u>	<u>Postmark deadline for entries</u>
<u>Fri., April 2, 2010</u>	<u>Begin notifications to artists</u>
<u>Fri., April 23, 2010</u>	<u>Last day to receive shipped works</u>
<u>Sat., April 24, 2010</u>	<u>Delivery of Artwork to Williams Tower Gallery</u>
<u>Thurs., April 29, 2010</u>	<u>Opening Reception, 6 – 8:00 pm</u>
<u>Sat., May 29 2010</u>	<u>Pick up artwork at Williams Tower Gallery</u>

AWARDS: (Only one per person) –In excess of **\$2,500.00 in cash and merchandise awards.**

ELIGIBILITY: Open to all **U.S.** artists 18+. **Original** works in all media except audio, video or performance pieces, completed in the last 3 years without supervision and not previously shown in any VAA juried competition. Please read and follow prospectus directions carefully.

SPECIFICATIONS: Two-dimensional works must be suitably framed or edge finished and **not to exceed 48"** in any direction, nor weigh more than 25 pounds. **Plexiglas** preferred. Artwork must be **ready to hang** with wire on back, **no saw tooth hangers**. Wall sculptures not to exceed 25 pounds and **must be readily able** to hang. No ceiling suspended pieces. Sculpture size limited to the ability of 2 people to carry and install. Artist must provide pedestal. Assemblages – Artist must provide detailed instructions.

FEES: **Non-members \$35** for 1 to 3 works,. Any diptych, triptych, will be counted as single entries. One entry form per person.

Digital images or slides accepted.

Images sent on CD – use j-peg files only. No larger than 1024 x768 pixels. Crop images to exclude mats or frames. Images must represent the art exactly. Each image must have entry #, artists name and title to coincide with the entry form. Put that same information on the top of the CD with a permanent marker, insuring that each image is individually identified.

Slides: Each slide to be clearly marked with artist's name, title, medium, dimensions, entry# and top clearly indicated.

A self-addressed, #10 envelope with 2 stamps must be included for notification and return of slides. CD's will not be returned, but a SASE must be included for notification.

DELIVERY OF SELECTED WORKS: **Artwork must be delivered between 9:00 and 10:00 am, Sat. April 24, 2010 to 2800 Post Oak Blvd.** All work must hang until close of exhibit.

VAA reserves the right to reject any work that is misrepresented or unsuitably presented.

SHIPPED WORKS: Detailed instructions for shipping works will be provided with notification of selection. There is a \$20 handling fee for shipped works. Prepaid return shipping must be included with shipped works or artwork will not be returned!

PICK UP AND RETURN: All work to be picked up on **Saturday, May 29, 2010, 9:00 to 10:00 am, 2800 Post Oak Blvd.**

AGREEMENT: Every precaution will be taken in handling entries; however, neither the Building or VAA can assume any responsibility for loss, theft or damage during the exhibition. VAA will accept a 30% commission for any piece that is sold during the exhibit. Please mark **NFS** if piece is not for sale. Pieces are entered at the artist's risk as this is a public lobby. VAA reserves the right to photograph work and/or use slides for publicity purposes. All work must hang until the close of exhibit.

Please read and follow prospectus directions carefully. Entering this competition will constitute agreement with all conditions set forth within this prospectus.

Mail Entry Form To: D. Villarreal 11105 Country Squire Houston, TX 77024

Do not mail entries to VAA P.O. Box or to Williams Tower Gallery. Do not mail entries requiring signature upon receipt!

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ENTRY FORM:

CHECK LIST:

- _____ Check made out to VAA for \$35 entry fee. (\$70 if paying dues)
- _____ Entry form filled out completely; prices may not be changed after entry.
- _____ Self-addressed stamped #10 long envelope (2 stamps for slides)
- _____ Membership dues (\$35) and form, if applicable (not required for entering exhibition)
- _____ Sculpture: please indicate whether free standing (f s)

Name _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Email _____

Home Phone _____ Cell/Work Phone _____

Payment enclosed: \$ _____ entry fee \$ _____ membership fee \$ _____

ENTRY TITLE # 1 _____

MEDIUM _____

SIZE _____ PRICE _____ Selected _____ Not Selected _____

ENTRY TITLE # 2 _____

MEDIUM _____

SIZE _____ PRICE _____ Selected _____ Not Selected _____

ENTRY TITLE # 3 _____

MEDIUM _____

SIZE _____ PRICE _____ Selected _____ Not selected _____

This form may be photocopied; downloaded from our website: www.visualartsalliance.org. Additional copies may be obtained by email: amcbride1@sbcglobal.net or send a SASE to: VAA, 2807 Triway Lane, Houston, TX. 77043. 713-939-1444.

VAA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION (not required for entering exhibition)

DUES \$35 Please check one: _____ new member _____ renewing member Date: _____

If paying dues, please include application with entry. Please put an X after any of the listed information that may have changed since last year to help us keep our records current.

Name _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Email _____

Home phone _____ Work/cell _____

