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Local Artists Invited to Enter 6th Annual Members' Juried Art Show at IMAS

McAllen, TX – This fall, the International Museum of Art & Science (IMAS) celebrates the remarkable creativity flourishing within its own community with the return of the *6th Annual Members' Juried Art Show* (MJAS). Bringing together an inspiring selection of works created by IMAS members, this highly anticipated exhibition highlights the diverse perspectives, artistic talent, and boundless imagination of artists from across the region. Through MJAS, IMAS continues its commitment to providing a platform for local artists to share their work, connect with the community, and inspire audiences through the power of art and will be on view from Saturday, October 17, 2026, through January 17, 2027, and is supported by Edward Jones – Cassandra Moreno.

At the heart of the Members' Juried Art Show (MJAS) is a celebration of the artists who make up the IMAS community. Now in its sixth year, this annual exhibition provides IMAS members with an opportunity to share their creativity, perspectives, and original works with audiences throughout the Rio Grande Valley. From first-time exhibitors and emerging artists to seasoned creators, MJAS brings together a diverse range of artistic voices and offers members a professional platform to showcase their work at the International Museum of Art & Science.

IMAS Curator Marcelo Ramirez Garcia-Rojas encourages adult artists to become IMAS members and take part in this annual celebration of member creativity.

"The Members' Juried Art Show is an opportunity for artists to not only share their work, but to become part of a larger creative community," said Ramirez. "It creates a space for artists across the Rio Grande Valley to connect with like-minded individuals, build relationships with fellow artists, and expand their networks and reach. Whether they are emerging artists or more

established creators, participants have the opportunity to meet people who share their passion for the arts while gaining greater visibility for their work within the community.”

Current IMAS members ages 18 and older may enter up to two original works of art. Membership levels determine the number of eligible artists per membership, with individual and duo memberships eligible for one artist and household and select group memberships eligible for up to two artists.

Artists interested in participating should review the exhibition guidelines and application before submitting their work. Artwork submissions will be accepted in person at IMAS on Friday, October 2, and Saturday, October 3, between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. A guest juror from outside the museum will select the works featured in the exhibition and award Best in Show, Second Place, Third Place, and three Honorable Mentions. Selected award recipients will receive cash prizes.

The 6th Annual Members’ Juried Art Show will be on view at IMAS from October 17, 2026, through January 17, 2027. The exhibition will officially open with a Member Reception and Awards Ceremony on Saturday, October 17, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Artists interested in participating can become an IMAS member and access the MJAS application and exhibition information at theimasonline.org/6th-annual-members-juried-art-show/. Memberships can be purchased or renewed online or in person. For additional information, contact IMAS at (956) 681-2800.

Last year’s Best in Show winner, *I Spy Chaos* by Johanna Villarreal, captivated viewers with its intricate arrangement of everyday objects, rendered in strikingly detailed realism on canvas. As MJAS returns for its sixth year, the exhibition continues to provide a platform for artists to experiment, express their perspectives, and connect with audiences through the transformative power of art.

About the International Museum of Art & Science (IMAS)

Located in the Rio Grande Valley, the International Museum of Art & Science (IMAS) inspires visitors of all ages to explore the world of art and science. Through its diverse exhibitions, collections, and educational programs, IMAS empowers learners to pursue their passions and discover new interests. Accredited by the American Alliance of Museums and a Smithsonian Affiliate, IMAS is located at 1900 W. Nolana Avenue in McAllen, Texas. The museum is open Wednesday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. For more information on admission, events, and programs, visit theimasonline.org or call (956) 681-2800.

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Guests gather at the Member Reception for the 5th Annual Members' Juried Art Show at the International Museum of Art & Science, celebrating the creativity, talent, and artistic expression of IMAS member artists.



2025 Best in Show:
Villarreal, Johanna. *I Spy Chaos*. 2025, Oil on canvas, Edinburg, TX.