

OSA Membership Application

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Subject Line - New Member Application OSA
Email to: osanewmember@gmail.com

OSA ACTIVITIES

April, 2017

OSA - OJE Annual Open Juried Exhibition

John B. Aird Gallery, Toronto

May 11- August, 5 2017

145th OSA Anniversary Exhibition

Aurora Cultural Centre, Aurora, ON

July 14 -18 2017

OSA at the TOAE

September 28 -Oct.1, 2017

OSA Annual Field Trip to Killarney

November 2 - December 4, 2017

OSA Member's Exhibition of Selected Works

December 12, 2017 –January 5, 2018

New Members' Exhibition - John B. Aird Gallery

April 4 - May 10, 2018

OSA Open Juried Exhibition - John B. Aird Gallery



If you wish advice or assistance as you prepare to apply, email osanewmember@gmail.com and we will be happy to answer your questions.

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ONTARIO SOCIETY OF ARTISTS

Membership Application

Digital applications accepted ONLY

2018

The Ontario Society of Artists

Founded in 1872



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Ontario Society of Artists
c/o The Arts & Letters Club
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Who We Are

The Ontario Society of Artists is a vibrant hub of creative energy with an active elected membership of over 240 artists, living throughout Ontario and working in a wide range of media and form, artists with varying backgrounds and cultures. Many of its members are considered the nation's most accomplished artists, practicing within various disciplines.

The OSA mandate is to foster and promote the visual arts through exhibitions, education, special projects, and arts advocacy.

The OSA is a non-profit, charitable organization, administered by a volunteer executive council of members. **The OSA Honourary Patron is the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario.**

Historically, the OSA played an important role in establishing major Canadian art institutions such as the Royal Canadian Academy of the Arts, the National Gallery of Canada, the Art Gallery of Ontario and the Ontario College of Art and Design. Many individual disciplines are now represented by Societies and Clubs formed because of the OSA influence.

An important purpose of the OSA is to provide members with a collegial atmosphere and a forum for the interchange of ideas and information. Emerging professional artists are offered encouragement and opportunities to reach a wider public with their work; established artists benefit from a supportive and stimulating fellowship. Annual membership fees are payable Jan. 1st.

The OSA's activities include member exhibitions, annual open juried exhibitions, special education projects, and various social activities. The OSA website provides information on exhibitions and projects, our members, our newsletters, and houses catalogues of past OSA exhibitions as far back as the nineteenth century.

OSA New Members are admitted through a jury process, based on the professional quality of their submissions and we expect new members to make a positive contribution and commitment to the OSA.

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Becoming A Member

The OSA reviews membership applications annually.

Submission deadline is on or before October 6, 2017.

Depending on the nature of your art practice, a combination of the following should be demonstrated:

- * **Distinctive aesthetic vision / a unique approach to subject or content / strong visual qualities / evidence of creative enquiry or reflection / conceptual ideas.**
- * **Technical competence / successful realization of ideas / quality of process.**

In your accompanying CV, artist statement and artwork images:

- * **Evidence of recent exhibitions and other involvement as a professional artist.**
- * **Clear statement of your intentions, concepts, areas of interest and processes. How and why do you do your artwork?** (Studio/process images could enhance your application.)
- * **Detailed documentation of work**

1/ Complete the attached information form and email it with the \$45 application fee. (PayPal)

Submissions must be in digital format. Enclose 15 numbered digital jpg images of artwork, and all documentation, CV & biography. Email documentation (artist's name, title of work, date executed, medium, size of work), supporting statement, CV (artist statement & bio) and contact information/website address.

IMPORTANT: To ensure that your digital images are high quality for purposes of jurying, please see our website for specifications.

2/ Potential finalists may be visited at their studios or may be interviewed by a membership advisory board after the initial jurying if needed.

3/ The short list of finalists will be made, and these candidates will be invited to bring **five original works** for jurying by the OSA membership.

4/ Accepted artists are invited to join the OSA. The annual membership fee is \$125.

If you have exhibited twice in the past 5 years, in an OSA Open Juried Exhibition, your membership application will be advanced to the second & final jurying.

Membership Application

Please include the following information and attachments in your application email and pay the \$45 application fee.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Province: ONTARIO Postal Code: _____

Telephone (day): _____

Email address: _____

Website: _____

1. Have you exhibited in an OSA Open Juried Exhibitions in the past 5 years? If so, list the year and title of each exhibition separately.
2. Enclose **15 numbered digital images of work completed within the past 5 years** along with a digital file of your CV bio, & supporting documents. Digital image specifications on our website under: Apply For Membership/Application Information Material
3. List image number, title of work, date completed, medium and dimensions. Enclose the supporting statement, the artist's statement and CV which includes training, exhibitions, motivation, experiences and other relevant art and/or work experience. (See attached requirements.)
4. Tell us how you heard about us? Social Media, google search, a friend, school/teacher etc.
5. Enclose a statement of how you could contribute as a Member to the work of the Society.
6. Enclose an application fee of \$45 using (preferred method) PayPal on our website or by e-Transfer to osalisamurzin@gmail.com (OSA Treasurer).
****Applicants should include e-copy/printed copy of payment receipt with their online application.**

Submission Deadline is: October 5, 2018

The decision of the New Members' Selection Committee and the OSA membership is final.

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