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**26th Annual Juried Competition Winners Announced**

ROCK HILL, SC – The Arts Council of York County announced its 26th Annual Juried Competition winners at a free, public reception at the Center for the Arts, 121 E. Main St., Rock Hill, SC on Thursday, June 18, 2015 at 6PM. This exhibition will be on display in the Dalton Gallery at the Center for the Arts through July 26, 2015.

Each year, the Annual Juried Competition is open internationally to artists 18 and older. Only original work, created in the last two (2) years, and not previously shown at the Center for the Arts, Dalton Gallery is accepted. All forms of media are eligible, including video.

Judging this year's competition is Mitchell Kearney. Kearney is a commercial advertising photographer and multimedia fine art image-maker dealing in the study of human nature, physics and the miracle of day to day living.

A fixture in the Charlotte art scene since moving from New York City in 1983, Kearney has a BFA in photography from the School of Visual Arts and has witnessed and documented many fine art projects, including the creation of Jean Tinguely’s *Cascade* in the lobby of the Carrillon office tower for the Bechtler family in 1991. Then, over a period of eight years, he created insightful portraits of the first 185 Artists-in-Residence at the McColl Center for Visual Arts. In 2006, he was honored to spend six weeks photographing the ten mid-career Japanese artists who were selected for the *Force of Nature* installation project. Mitchell has had numerous exhibitions of his photography-based work in the Charlotte region; including *the 6th Juried Annuale* at the Light Factory and his *Inside Out* solo exhibition of insightful portraits at Winthrop University, both in 2013. He has also exhibited at the Arti Multie Visione in Rieti, Italy and at the Camera Club of New York.

Kearney selected 41 works by 38 artists out of 137 entries from 23 cities and 4 states to be displayed in the 26th Annual Juried Competition exhibition in the Dalton Gallery at the Center for the Arts. The winners of the 25th Annual Juried Competition are:

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**Best of Show:** *My Home II* by Dallas Austin

**1st Place:** *From Series: Erosion* by Rebecca Jacobs

**2nd Place:** *Appendage* by Julia Rossman Perez

**3rd Place:** *Confronting Dimension* by Libby Stewart

**Honorable Mention:** *Meditate* by Leah Mulligan Cabinum

**Honorable Mention:** *Questioning the Cause & Sense* by Paul Martyka

**Honorable Mention:** *If I Only: the series* by Cory Unkart

O’Darby’s Fine Wine & Spirits is the presenting sponsor of the 26th Annual Juried Competition.

The Arts Council is headquartered in downtown Rock Hill, a state-recognized cultural district. For more information on Arts Council events, contact the Arts Council of York County at 803-328-2787, by email at arts@yorkcountyarts.org, or visit the Arts Council’s webpage at http://www.yorkcountyarts.org.

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