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**27th Annual Juried Competition Winners Announced**

ROCK HILL, SC – The Arts Council of York County announced its 27th 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 16, 2016 at 6PM. This exhibition will be on display in the Dalton Gallery at the Center for the Arts through September 11, 2016.

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 Seth Gadsden. Gadsden is an artist, educator, and filmmaker living in Columbia, South Carolina where he is the managing director of the Nickelodeon Theatre and director of the Indie Grits Film Festival. Gadsden was a founding member of the Redux Contemporary Art Center in 2003 in Charleston, SC. In 2006, while pursuing his M.F.A. from Boston University, he founded the Boston Young Contemporaries before helping to form the traveling artist collective Transit Antenna, then spending the following two years developing community based art projects across North America. With a focus on public art, experimental filmmaking, and multimedia installation, Seth has exhibited across the United States and has completed murals and outdoor sculptures in places like Mexico, North Dakota, Boston, Houston and his hometown of Clover, South Carolina.

Gadsden selected 42 works by 30 artists out of 148 entries from 25 cities and 6 states to be displayed in the 27th Annual Juried Competition exhibition in the Dalton Gallery at the Center for the Arts. The winners of the 27th Annual Juried Competition are:

AWARDS

**Gerald and Barbara Schapiro Best of Show:** *Afraid of Being* by Alexis Howard

**1st Place:** *Improvisation/Totemesque* by Bob Jolly

**2nd Place:** *Members Only* by Tabitha Ott

**3rd Place:** *Bunny* by Chris Smith Evans

**Honorable Mention:** *Pin Bottle* by Charlie Hickey

**Honorable Mention:** *Two Faces (Some Kind of a Crow)* by Jacob Olsen

O’Darby’s Fine Wine & Spirits is the presenting sponsor of the 27th 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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