



PROSPECTUS

38th National Exhibition April 30 – May 29, 2022

To be held at

The Next Picture Show

A Fine Arts Center

113 W. First St.

Dixon, Illinois

Illinois Watercolor Society

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The Illinois Watercolor Society was established in 1981 and the first exhibition took place in 1982 at Glenview, Illinois. Today with over 190 members, IWS sponsors both a national show and a members' invitational exhibit. IWS has also partnered with the Oak Brook Library and holds four meetings that feature demonstrations by nationally recognized artists which are free and open to the public.

Juror of Selection and Awards, Michael Ireland



Michael Ireland has participated in the creative process for over forty years beginning with his studies at the American Academy of Art in Chicago. Under the direction of master instructor Irving Shapiro, he began to explore the effects of light and color through transparent watercolor. He soon developed a passion for the medium that continued throughout his life and career. Today Michael is a nationally recognized artist as well as an accomplished creative director and graphic designer. Michael's painting style and technique challenges the scale and format associated with traditional transparent watercolor resulting in works measuring up to over twenty feet in length. This process and approach has led to his artwork being placed in public and private collections throughout the country.

Exhibition Overview

- Selection and Awards Juror: Michael Ireland
- Entry Submission Deadline: Midnight, Sunday, March 13, 2022
- Entry Fee: \$35 for Non-Members, \$25 for Members, \$10 for Signature Members
- How to Enter: Online entries only at www.illinoiswatercolorsociety.org
- Over \$6,000 in cash awards — Best of Show is \$1,500
- Exhibition Dates: April 30 - May 29, 2022

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Exhibition Awards

In addition to the prestige of participating in this wonderful exhibition, cash awards presented by the Illinois Watercolor Society will total at least \$6,000. Below is a complete list of awards.

- Best of Show 1500
- Award of Excellence I 700
- Award of Excellence II 600
- Award of Excellence III 500
- Schultz Creative Spirit 500
- Outstanding Figurative 325
- Outstanding Landscape 325
- Outstanding Abstract/Non-Representational 325
- Director's Choice 225
- Charles Strissel Memorial 150
- People's Choice 150
- Honorable Mentions (7) 100

Exhibition Calendar

- March 13** Deadline for entries
- March 20** Accepted entries posted on www.illinoiswatercolorociety.org
- April 19 – 23** Paintings due (gallery is closed on Mondays)
Shipped or hand delivered
The Next Picture Show
113 W. First St.
Dixon, Illinois 61021
815.285.4924
(gallery is closed on Sundays and Mondays)
- April 30** Reception & show opening
Michael Ireland will give presentation at 1pm.
Awards presentation following demo
- May 29** Show closes (work shipped back to artists)
- May 31** Pick-up of hand delivered work
10am – 4pm or call for arrangements (Gallery closed on Sunday and Monday)

Entry Submission

Artwork Eligibility

The IWS National Exhibition is open to all artists who are 18 years or older.

- Work must be original (not derived from another's intellectual property or copyrighted references).
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- Painted after **January 1, 2019**.
- Entries cannot have been displayed in an IWS Members' Exhibition or IWS National Exhibition.
- Entries cannot have been completed in a class, workshop, or under supervision.
- Collage, digital media, photography, prints or reproductions are NOT permitted.
- Acrylic and work painted on yupo or canvas is permitted.
- Paintings framed under plexiglass must use plexiglass (no glass permitted). Paintings completed on stretched canvas may be framed without plexiglass or mat.
- Mats must be white or neutral (a color similar to white).
- Paintings must be wired and ready for hanging. No "saw-tooth" hangers.
- Maximum frame size: 40" in width or height.
- Only one painting per artist will be selected.

Submission Requirements

- Fees for one or two entries:
 - \$35 . . . Non-Members
 - \$25 . . . Members
 - \$10 . . . Signature Members.
- Detailed instructions for shipping and delivery will be provided in the Acceptance Notification.
- Insurance will be the responsibility of the artist.
- Entry information, along with images, must be submitted **online only**.
- File names should include the JPEG (JPG) extension.
- File size should be no more than 5 MB.
- Crop images to show only the painting, no mats, background images or frames.
- Image names must include the artist, number of the entry (1 or 2, corresponding to the entry form), title of the painting and its dimensions. Example: **JOHNDOE1Flowers22X30.jpg** and **JOHNDOE2Barn11X14.jpg**.
- Pay online via PayPal.
- Send questions to: NationalShow@illinoiswatercolorsociety.org

Confirming Entries

- Acceptance only notification will be via email and posted on the IWS website.
- Once an entry is received you will receive a confirmation email that your entry has been successfully processed. After your entry has been submitted and confirmed, the art registration information cannot be revised or changed. This includes the Price, Title of the Entry and Entry Size.

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Accepted Artwork

- All artists whose work is selected for exhibition will receive instructions for shipping and delivery in the Acceptance Notification.
- Only one painting will be accepted from an individual artist.
- No substitutions of artwork can be made after acceptance.
- No peanut packing or wood cartons, please!
- Once accepted, no changes can be made to price, title or dimensions.
- Artwork must remain on display in the Gallery for the duration of the Exhibition. Removal of artwork prior to the closing will result in penalties assessed by the by the IWS Board of Directors.

Reception Invitation

- The reception is free and open to the public and will be held at the Next Picture Show Gallery on Saturday, **April 30, 2022** beginning at 1pm.
- The Awards Juror will offer a watercolor presentation at 1pm. This will be followed by a ceremony recognizing award winners and new Signature honorees.

Sales

- The Next Picture Show is responsible for all sales and will retain a 20% commission.
- Unless specified by the artist (NFS) all paintings will be for sale.

Publicity

- IWS reserves the right to photograph and duplicate works for the catalog/website and publicity purposes.

Contact Information

For additional questions or clarification, please contact the show chairman at: nationalshow@illinoiswatercolorociety.org