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FORUM

JURIED ART COMPETITIONS
AWARDS CEREMONY 2022

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WELCOME

Welcome to THE ARTISTS FORUM JURIED ARTS FESTIVAL AWARDS CEREMONY, celebrating works by our 2022 Finalists in Music, Photography, Spoken Word, and Choreography, with clips of works by several 2022 award-winning filmmakers - all highlighting our 2022 Competition Theme: REFLECTIONS ON THE NATIONAL PSYCHE.

THE ARTISTS FORUM JURIED ART COMPETITIONS are designed to provide accessible platforms for artists to expose audiences to their latest, most innovative, and influential works. The competition culminates in two annual live events - The Artists Forum Festival of the Moving Image and The Artists Forum Juried Arts Festival.

On October 15th, we announced our winners in Film at our 7th Annual Film Festival Closing Night Awards Ceremony. See our website for full festival details.

Tonight, we will proudly showcase the works of our finalists and announce the winners from each genre. We will also present live performances by finalists [Nicholson Billey](#) (US), [Oscar Sanders](#) (US), [Sarah Shafey](#) (Canada), artist networking opportunities, refreshments, and an award ceremony. A special thanks to [Amy Bravo](#) (NYIT) for space donation.

JURIED ARTS FESTIVAL PROGRAM

ARTIST'S RECEPTION: 5:30PM - 6:30PM

LIVE PERFORMANCES: 6:30PM - 7:00PM

AWARDS CEREMONY: 7:00PM - 7:30PM

NETWORKING EVENT: 7:30PM - 8:30PM

Established in 1998, THE ARTISTS FORUM is a New York City based non-profit art services organization specializing in events, juried competitions, and media for artists. <https://theartistsforum.org>

MUSIC COMPETITION FINALISTS

BLESSED

Hip-Hop / Rap

3:03 min (2022)

Writer: Fabiano Montesano (Germany)

Performer: Famoe (Germany)

COMMON MISTAKE

Rock / Alternative

3:19 min (2022)

Writers: A. Mathur (India/Switzerland)

& Mary Lou von Wyl (Switzerland)

Performer: Ajay Mathur

COMPETITOR

Electronic / Dance

3:17 min (2022)

Writer: Sarah Shafey (Canada)

FIGHT FOR WHAT IS RIGHT

Electronic / Dance

3:28 min (2020)

Writer: Carlos "KRL" Mera (US)

Vocalist: Emarie (US)

I WASH MY HANDS

Children's / Holiday / Novelty

1:10 min (2022)

Writer: Nan Spicer (US)

OBSERVATION (NO. 5)

Classical / Operatic

3:33 min (2017)

Writer: Stefan Kristinkov (US)

SONGS OF LITTLE SAIGON MUSIC THEME

Classical / Operatic

2:01 min (2021)

Writer: Sid De La Cruz (US)

SWEET LATIN LIFE

Latin / Reggae

3:48 min (2017)

Writer: Steven Michael Bogdonas (US)

TALKING LOUD

Rock / Alternative

3:14 min (2022)

Writers: A. Mathur (India/Switzerland)

& Mary Lou von Wyl (Switzerland)

Performer: Ajay Mathur

THE HOMECOMING BALL

Americana

3:59 min (2021)

Writer/Performer: Karen Braysher (UK)

MUSIC COMPETITION FINALISTS

THE SEEDS OF CHANGE

Children's / Holiday / Novelty

3:26 min (2022)

Writer: Karen Braysher (UK)

Vocalists: St Johns School Choir,
Stanmore, London (UK)

WE ALL HAVE FEELINGS

Children's / Holiday / Novelty

2:46 min (2021)

Writer/Performer: Randy Sauer (US)

WHAT I'VE BEEN THROUGH

Hip-Hop / Rap

3:24 min (2022)

Writer: Fabiano Montesano (Germany)

Performer: Famoe (Germany)


WHEN THE ROOTS ARE DEEP

Children's / Holiday / Novelty

3:09 min (2022)

Writer: Santino Salvadore (Australia)

Vocalists: Santino Salvadore & Lili Alaska
(Australia)

[CLICK HERE](#)  for more information about our 2022 Music Finalists and their entries.

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION FINALISTS

DUALITY

(2020)

Photographer: Katayoun Afrooz (Iran)

GHOST GIRL

(2021)

Photographer: Andrea Gluckman (US)

REFUGEES


(2021)

Photographer: Olga Trehub (Ukraine)

OPINION LEADER

(2021) Student Entry

Photographer: Huiyi Guo (China)

[CLICK HERE](#)  for more information about our 2022 Photography Finalists and their entries.

SPOKEN WORD FINALISTS

ABUELITA

Enhanced Performance

4:52 min (2021)

Writer/Performer:

Carlos Andrés Gómez (US)

Director: Joe West (US)

Camera/Editor: Shawn Hudgins,
Joe West, Eli Dykstra (US)

BEATING TRAFFIC

Enhanced Performance

4:47 min (2021)

Writer/Performer:

Carlos Andrés Gómez (US)

Director: Joe West (US)

Camera/Editor: Shawn Hudgins,
Joe West, Eli Dykstra (US)

BIGOTED SADIST

Live Performance

1:45 min (2022)

Writer/Director/Performer:

Oscar Sanders (US)

SCUMBAGS & SCALLYWAGS

Live Performance

0:55 min (2022)

Writer/Director/Performer:

Oscar Sanders (US)

STOMP DANCE OVER

RECLAMATION

Experimental Performance

5:31 min (2021)

Writer/Performer: Nicholson Billey (US)

Director: Danielle Soames (US)

Camera/Editor: Shannon Yu (Taiwan)

THE JOURNEY OF A BOY AND THE

GUANABANA TREE

Raw Take Performance

6:18 min (2022)

Writer: Gabriel G. Torres (Columbia)

UGLY BROWN


Experimental Performance

2:58 min (2021)

Writer/Performer: Nicholson Billey (US)

Director: Danielle Soames (US)

Camera/Editor: Shannon Yu (Taiwan)

[CLICK HERE](#)  for more information about our 2022 Spoken Word Finalists and their entries.

CHOREOGRAPHY FINALISTS

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Ballet (Enhanced)
6:45 min (2022)
Choreographer/Director: Daryen Ru (US)

A BODY IS

Modern Dance (Enhanced)
3:58 min (2021)
Choreographer: Marco Flores (Spain)
Writer/Director: Jaime Dezcallar (Spain)

A FEAST THAT NEVER COMES

Modern Dance (Enhanced)
5:59 min (2022)
Choreographer: Chris Masters (US)
Composer : Sven Britt (US)
Director: Maria Juranic (Croatia)

BITE-SIZED

Modern Dance (One Take)
4:27 min (2020)
Choreographer/Director:
Lauren Blair Smith (US)

COD'INE

Modern Dance (Enhanced)
7:00 min (2022)
Choreographer: Nichelle Bane (US)
Director: Sasha Travis (US)

DIGNITY (WÜRDE)

Modern Dance (Enhanced)
6:02 min (2021)
Choreographer/Director:
Nadja Görts (Germany)

INTROSPECTION

Modern Dance (Enhanced)
7:00 min (2022)
Choreographer/Director:
Katharine Larson (US)

NIRVANA


Modern Dance (Enhanced)
3:19 min (2022)
Choreographer/Director: Lin Niu (China)

PURSE FIRST

Hip-Hop / Street Dance (Enhanced)
3:58 min (2022)
Choreographers/Directors: Brianna Lisle
Campbell & Marisa Fernandez (US)
Music: Bob the Drag Queen (US)

WHEN NANAY COMES HOME

Modern Dance (One Take)
5:48 min (2022)
Choreographers: Deborah Slater &
Rachel Garcia (US)
Director: Deborah Slater (US)

[CLICK HERE](#)  for more information about our 2022 Choreography Finalists and their entries.

ARTIST OF THE YEAR

The Artists Forum is proud to announce Aaron Cobbett as its 2022 Artist of the Year. We present this honor to him in recognition of his pioneering approach to LGBTQ+ imagery in media and fine arts. We look forward to working with Aaron as our international ambassador for arts and culture in 2023.

2022 ARTIST OF THE YEAR

Aaron Cobbett (US)

Quilter, Photographer, Filmmaker, Costume Designer

New York native Aaron Cobbett began his career as a window dresser in the 80's and has gone on to become an accomplished photographer, costume designer and textile artist. He's designed costumes for Patricia Field, Christopher Williams and countless drag shows, photo shoots and music videos. His work has been the subject of two monographs (Super Eros in 1999 and Cobbett in 2008) and has been shown at the FIT Museum, the Leslie Lohman Museum, the New York Historical Society, and the Louvre in Paris. Living and working in Brooklyn, NY, Aaron's latest projects focus on quilt making and the human body.

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MAR. 2022 ARTIST OF THE MONTH

JP Howard (US)

Poet, Essayist, Curator

APRIL 2022 ARTIST OF THE MONTH

Ross Morin (US)

Writer, Director, Editor

MAY 2022 ARTIST OF THE MONTH

Lee Milby (US)

Filmmaker, Director, Storyboarder

JUNE 2022 ARTIST OF THE MONTH


Aaron Cobbett (US)

Quilter, Photographer, Filmmaker,
Costume Designer

JULY 2022 ARTIST OF THE MONTH

Ty Whittington-Scott (US)

Writer, Director, Producer

[CLICK HERE](#)  for Artist of the Month profiles on The Artists Forum Magazine.

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