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CALL FOR ENTRIES FOR BERKS ARTS COUNCIL *THE ART OF JAZZ* 2013

Reading, PA – Since its inception eight years ago, The Frank Scott Memorial Art Show: *the Art of Jazz* has highlighted works of art from all media. Previous winners have run the gamut of artistic media, from paintings to glass and fiber to mixed media. What these works of art have in common is the surprising ability to interpret the experience of listening to music into a visual art medium. The Berks Arts Council is currently seeking artists to participate in its 8<sup>th</sup> annual juried exhibition. The exhibit is open to all fine and craft artists with work focusing on the theme “Celebrate Jazz.”

The show runs March 8 - 27 in the Rolf and Renate Schmidt Gallery at the GoggleWorks Center for the Arts, 201 Washington Street, Reading, and serves as a prelude to the 23<sup>rd</sup> annual Boscov’s Berks Jazz Fest, which runs April 5 through 14. The Juror for *The Art of Jazz* is Robert Stickloon, winner 2011 Art of the State: Works on Paper and instructor of painting and drawing at Penn State University Schuylkill Campus.

Mr. Stickloon has exhibited his work locally at the Reading Public Museum and as a frequent participant in Berks Arts Alliance exhibitions, as well as regionally in Allentown, Harrisburg, Philadelphia, and New Jersey. He is also a regular in New York City and Louisiana exhibitions. His work has also been shown internationally in Stockholm, Sweden and Dusseldorf, Germany. In addition to his love of the visual arts, Mr. Stickloon is also an avid music lover, playing in various bands including rock ‘n’ roll, jazz, and country from the age of 14. According to Strickloon, “(I) never turned down a chance to play. Always loved it.”

Three cash prizes will be awarded: \$500 for first place, \$200 for second place, and \$100 for third place, with Honorable Mentions awarded at the juror’s discretion. An Artist’s Reception and Awards Presentation celebration will be held in the Schmidt Gallery Friday, March 8, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

“The Frank Scott Memorial Art Show: *The Art of Jazz*,” and the Frank Scott Memorial award were founded during the 2005 Berks Jazz Fest by the Berks Arts Council along with local businessman and artist Jerry Holleran. The Frank Scott Memorial events honor legendary local jazz musician Frank Scott and are made possible through the generous support of the JerLyn Foundation.

To be eligible for awards, submissions must be original work produced after January 1, 2010. The entry fee for Berks Arts Council Members is \$15 for the first artwork, with \$5 for each additional work up to a total of three. The fee for non BAC members is \$20 for the first artwork, with \$5 for each additional work up to a total of three. Cash, check, money order, and major credit cards will be accepted.

The prospectus for the art show can be found online at [www.berksarts.org](http://www.berksarts.org) or by calling the Berks Arts Council at 610-898-1930.

The mission of the Berks Arts Council, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, is to cultivate, promote, and support the arts in our community through collaboration, education, and presentation..

The Berks Arts Council presents the Boscov’s Berks Jazz Fest, the Bandshell Concert Series, Greater Reading Film Festival, and the Pagoda Awards. The Council administers the Pennsylvania Partners in the Arts Re-Granting Program, which provides funding to local arts projects and programs, and provides art exhibition and marketing opportunities for member artists. Visit them at [www.berksarts.org](http://www.berksarts.org). The Berks Arts Council receives state arts funding support through a grant from the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, a state agency funded by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.

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