Art Guild of Louisiana

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56th Annual

River Road Show

A National Juried Exhibition

The River Road Show, an annual national juried art exhibition/competition sponsored by the Art Guild of Louisiana, is celebrating its 56th year. The primary purpose of the exhibition is to showcase artists' work from across the United States.

Exhibition Dates: August 12 – September 28, 2026

Calendar

May 11	Entry deadline, midnight online or postmark
June 18	Accepted/declined notices emailed / Accepted list on AGL website
July 1-17	Deadline for receipt of shipped artwork
August 10	Hand delivered artwork, 11:00 - 1:00
August 12	Exhibition opens
August 13-15	Marc Hanson workshop
August 27	Reception/Awards ceremony 5:00 - 7:00pm
September 28	Exhibition closes
September 29	Pick-up of hand delivered artwork, 11:00 - 1:00 / Shipped artwork returned

Juror/Judge of Selection & Awards – Marc Hanson, OPAM

We are very excited to announce the juror/judge for the 56th River Road Show is the highly popular, acclaimed landscape painter **Marc Hanson**. A current resident of Tybee Island, Georgia, Marc is internationally recognized for his evocative oil, acrylic, and sometimes gouache paintings inspired by the beauty of the natural world. A Master Signature Member of Oil Painters of America, Marc has exhibited in galleries and museums across the U.S. and abroad, has been featured in major art publications and has received numerous prestigious awards. Raised in a military family his youth was spent on the move. Finally settling in California, he studied at the Art Center College of Design in

Pasadena and has devoted his life to capturing light, atmosphere, and the spirit of place in plein air and studio work.

Marc teaches workshops nationally, guiding artists to deepen their observational skills and personal expression, helping them see and paint with greater confidence and clarity. And will be presenting a workshop in Baton Rouge in conjunction with the River Road Show. See the full scope of Marc's inspiring art on his website: www.marchansonart.com

Get the details for the judge's workshop in Baton Rouge at www.artguildlouisiana.org/workshops.

NONCOMPLIANCE WITH ANY OF THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS WILL VOID THE ENTRY AND THE WORK MAY BE RETURNED OR DISQUALIFIED FROM JUDGING

Eligibility

- This competition is open to all United States artists 18 years or older.
- Limited to 2 dimensional artwork (artwork with 3 dimensional objects adhered to the surface do not qualify), created within the last three years (after May 2022), and not previously exhibited in the River Road Show**.**
- Artwork must be original in design and execution; not created in a workshop or under supervision.
- Photography, digitally created or enhanced works, giclées, and reproductions are not acceptable. Diptychs, Triptychs or multiple panels are not accepted.
- Work deemed inappropriate for public viewing by all ages, i.e. nudity or violence will not be accepted.
- Not sure if your work is eligible? Call or email us! Direct questions to Leah Schwartzman, 225-205-0522 or rrs@artguildlouisiana.org

Size and Framing

- The **maximum framed** size of artwork or unframed canvas or wood panel/cradle is **40" x 40"** (including the frame).
- The **minimum unframed** size is 8" x 10".
- All works must be framed unless painted on wood panel/cradle or minimum 1½ inch gallery-wrapped canvas. Sides of unframed canvas must be painted. Sides of wood panel/cradle may be left unpainted
- Works with a protective layer must use Plexiglas. **No glass allowed (except for pastel works 24" in any direction, or smaller, including the frame.**) AGL highly recommends pastels be framed with Plexiglas. Pastel artists who ship using glass **must cover it with a glass protection product** that holds the glass together in case of breakage in transit. (available from the Airfloat Systems - airfloatsystems.com and Masterpak - masterpak-usa.com)
- Screw eyes/D-rings and wire are required. No saw-tooth hangers.
- Mats must be white or a light neutral tint. No liners or fillets allowed.

- Frames must be simple, plain, non-ornate and no wider than 3". (**3.5" is not 3")**
- Exhibited artwork must be labeled with artist's name, title of work and price or NFS on back of the painting.

Entry Fee (non-refundable)

- $40 for up to three (3) entries and $5 for each additional entry up to ten.
- AGL members: $40 for the first four (4) entries and $5 for each additional entry up to ten.
- No changes can be made to price, title or dimensions after an entry is completed.

Awards

First place $ 1200
Second Place $ 800
Third Place $ 600
Additional Merit, Honorable Mention and Merchandise Awards
Total awards valued at $4,000+

Notification

All entrants will receive email notice, whether accepted or declined, by June 18. Final Juror selections will be posted on the AGL website www.artguildlouisiana.org/river-road-show by June 18.

Catalog

Each exhibiting artist will receive one complimentary printed color catalog. Additional printed catalogs may be pre-purchased prior to October 1, 2025, at $10 each. Downloadable digital catalogs are available for up to 1 year for $5. Order at www.artguildlouisiana.org/river-road-show-catalog-order-form

Sales

- No commission is charged on sales.
- Works sold will be available for pickup at the end of the exhibition.

Delivery/Return of Accepted Artwork

- Shipping charges, both directions, are to be paid by the artist in advance. **Prepaid return labels** must be included with the entry. (DO NOT send cash or check for return shipping)
- Artwork must be shipped in a sturdy, reusable carton. Shipped work will be returned in original carton using the prepaid label. Wood crates will not be accepted.
- Shipped works should arrive between July 1 and July 17 and will be return shipped September 29, 2026.
- A non-refundable handling fee of $35 is assessed on each shipped carton.
- Additional details will be sent to accepted artists.
- Hand delivered works will be received only on Monday, August 10, between 11:00 am - 1:00 pm, at the Louisiana State Archives, 3851 Essen Lane, Baton Rouge, LA and must be picked up only on Tuesday, September 29, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm.

Artist's Responsibility

- Artists may not substitute another work for an accepted work, withdraw the work once accepted, or remove artwork from the exhibit prior to September 29 at 11:00 am.

- Artists who do not deliver an artwork selected by the judge will be disqualified from participation for two years.
- The River Road Show Committee reserves the right to reject any work deemed inappropriate or not conforming to these exhibition requirements.
- The artist gives AGL permission to photograph and/or reproduce the submission(s) for exhibition promotional purposes.

Liability/Waiver
Although the utmost care will be taken in handling artwork, the Art Guild of Louisiana or any of its members, the Louisiana State Archives or its employees will not be liable for loss or damage to any work of art submitted to this exhibition. Insurance, if desired for shipping, exhibition or any other reason, is the responsibility of the individual artist.

Entry Procedures

- ALL images must be JPEG or HEIC format with **at least 1200 pixels on the longest side**.
- ALL images must represent the painting exactly.
- ALL files must include the image of the artwork only … **DO NOT include mat, frame, or surrounding background in images.**

Enter online at www.artguildlouisiana.org/river-road-show.

Or enter hardcopy via regular mail: RRS PO Box 42072, Baton Rouge, LA 70835
Entries/fees sent via regular mail must be postmarked by midnight, May 11, 2026. Make checks payable to Art Guild of Louisiana.

- Image files should be emailed to rrs@artguildlouisiana.org as attachments.
- The artist's full name and title, medium, size of each entry must be included in the text of the email. This info must match what is on the entry form.
- Entry is not complete until entry form, fee(s), and image(s) are received by Art Guild of Louisiana.

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First Name _____ Last Name _____

Address _____

City / State / Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

1. Title _____

Medium _____

Unframed Size: H _____ W _____ Framed Size: H _____ W _____ Price: $_____ Value if NFS: $_____

2. Title _____

Medium _____

Unframed Size: H _____ W _____ Framed Size: H _____ W _____ Price: $_____ Value if NFS: $_____

3. Title _____

Medium _____

Unframed Size: H _____ W _____ Framed Size: H _____ W _____ Price: $_____ Value if NFS: $_____

Entries 4–10 should be listed on a duplicated sheet.

If accepted, I will _____ ship my artwork _____ hand-deliver my artwork

Enclosed is my payment of $ _____ for _____ entries.

Current AGL Member? (yes/no) _____

How did you hear about the River Road Show? _____

By entering the River Road Show, I accept the stated conditions in the entry requirements.

Artist's Signature _____ Date _____