

2008 Biennial: Paper



Sept. 6-Jan. 10, 2009

This juried exhibition falls on the one-year anniversary of the opening of the Tempe Center for the Arts and features 26 Arizona artists with works on paper, art made of paper and things inspired by paper, a tradition for first anniversaries. The application process was highly competitive and the works of the Arizona artists who applied exhibited a high level of craftsmanship and innovativeness. Jury panelists were artists and educators Anne Coe, Joe D'Ambrosio and John Risseuw and Tempe Municipal Arts Commission member Shirlee King.

The "paper" theme inspired artists living throughout the state and working a variety of media. For instance, almost all artists use paper in one way or another for sketching, drawing, printing, folding, gluing, tearing and more. The list and possibilities are endless. For many artists, working on paper or with paper is at the heart of the art making process. Paper is approachable, too. It is no wonder that paper is used by young married couples to celebrate first year anniversaries. Everyone uses paper; it is familiar and intimate to the young child drawing with crayons all the way to the adult preparing a grocery list. While paper seems timeless, the material itself is transient, delicate and momentary. Artists who utilize paper as a medium are aware of these subtle nuances. They also realize that they are creating work with a material that will eventually age and decay, unlike monumental sculptures made of stone or metal that can have a life well beyond the years of the artist or patron. Paper's impermanence does not dissuade artists from making work that is significant, however. The material just adds another layer of meaning.

The TCA would like to extend thanks to the Arizona artists who participated, to the jury panel for its knowledge and enthusiasm for the exhibition and the more than 50,000 visitors who have celebrated the Gallery's first year in the Valley.

Artists

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