

## BEST OF SHOW: IRIS SALMINS *Metropolis*

1<sup>st</sup> William Livingston *Momentary Bereavement*

2<sup>nd</sup> Isabelle Lopez Kotara *Dare to Dream*

3<sup>rd</sup> Iris Salmins *Fun Migration*

HM Victoria Livingston *Taking the Journey*

HM Thomas Nawrocki *Zig Zag Zig 30*

HM Patrick O'Brien *Lite Painting 472*



# Abstract Biennial 2023

July 7 - July 29, 2023

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### David Hill: Juror's Statement

Abstraction, on the surface, may appear difficult to judge. How do you compare works that make little or no reference to an external objective world?

It's tempting to answer that with academic language about organizing principals, shapes, and unity. Following examples from a textbook may lead to good design, but good abstraction is something more. It truly is more than the sum of its parts. Good abstraction lands an experiential sucker-punch that cannot be reduced to pure formal terms. I don't think you can explain it. The closest analogy is like the "honey." We know what it means, but the printed word is not equal to the sensations of sweet amber stickiness. If it were easy to explain, we would have stopped making art like this decades ago.

Every artist in this show should be proud of their work. All submissions communicated something extra. Pieces that distinguished themselves for recognition presented a maturity in approach. They possess a self-awareness that facilitates the experiential punch rather than inhibiting it. The pieces acknowledge art history without repeating it. They deliver irreverence, rawness, refinement, mystery, deceptive complexity, and best of all, the unexpected. They feel powerfully personal and individual.

Acknowledgement is also deserving of the amazing administration and operating staff of the Art Center of Corpus Christi. Thank you for this opportunity, and for bringing excellence to our community.

## PARTICIPATING ARTISTS

Jerry Bass	Kathleen Mekailek
Rebecca Bradford	Selena Nawrocki
Natalia Cantu	Susa Nawrocki
Anthony Clements	Thomas Nawrocki
Ilina Colemere	Jeanette Nickas
Lindy Cruce	Kimmi Norvell Moake
Mae Dennis	Patrick O'Brien
Steve Dupré	Alexa Pouzar
Katayoon Firouzi	Bill Reed
Fiona Forbes	Leigh Rodrigue
Sidney Gage	Rebecca Rodriguez
Hanne Hay	Iris Salmins
Kathleen Holmes	Kelly Schaub
Rebecca Horan	Don Searle
Mary Klesse	Fred Trimyer
Kevin Kotara	James Twedt
Victoria Livingston	Stan Unser
William Livingston	Don Weiner
Isabelle Lopez Kotara	Cristina White-Jones