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Dayton Visual Arts Center Presents 26th Annual Open Members' Show: *Light Years Ahead*

DAYTON (June 21, 2017) – Dayton Visual Arts Center (DVAC) presents the Annual Open Members' Show, *Light Years Ahead*, sponsored by the DP&L Foundation. *Light Years Ahead* is a group exhibition by DVAC Member artists living and working in the greater Dayton area and selected by prize juror Katherine Ryckman Siegwarth, Kettering Assistant Curator of Collections and Exhibitions at The Dayton Art Institute. The exhibit begins July 7 and continues through August 12, 2017.



Marsha Pippenger, *Source*, 2017, 36 x 40 in.;
2016 Members Showcard Award Winner

To celebrate Dayton's diverse community of artists, DVAC invited all members to submit one work of their choice. A total of 115 works of art will be on display in all media including painting, sculpture, photography, print and more.

The opening reception for *Light Years Ahead* will take place on First Friday, July 7, 2017 from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. at DVAC, located at 118 N. Jefferson St. in Downtown Dayton. A Gallery Talk with the artists will be held on August 12, 2017 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. at DVAC. All events are free and open to the public. The exhibition will conclude on August 12, 2017 after the Gallery Talk.

"Our Members' Show is exciting because it's always different from year to year," said Eva Buttacavoli, Executive Director of DVAC. "Some artists interpret the theme literally, while others provide a more abstract interpretation. The beauty is in seeing the artist's vision unfold. It's also a treat for emerging artists, whose works are displayed side-by-side with some of the most accomplished artists in the area."

This year's exhibition theme, *Light Years Ahead*, was selected in honor of Exhibition Sponsor Dayton Power & Light by the Exhibition and Programing Committee, with input from the DVAC staff. The theme is open to each artist's own interpretation of light years ahead.

"This theme represents a bookend to the past year where we celebrated DVAC's first 25 years in the community," said Buttacavoli. "Now, we're looking forward!"

Members have an opportunity to win a cash award for their submitted artwork. The three winning artists will be selected by the prize juror, Katherine Ryckman Siegwarth, Kettering Assistant Curator of Collections and Exhibitions at The Dayton Art Institute. The awards presented at the show will be:

- The Lombard Award for Best in Show
- The Mayor's Office Exhibition Award
- The 2017 Members Showcard Award Winner

"Since 1991 DVAC has helped sustain the arts community by providing a place to show, market, and sell work," adds Buttacavoli. "It creates a space in the community where artists can reveal their work and interact with other artists and fellow art lovers."

Artwork from *Light Years Ahead* will be available for purchase depending upon each artist's individual discretion.

For more information about DVAC or the Annual Open Members' Show visit www.daytonvisualarts.org, and follow DVAC on Facebook (Dayton Visual Arts Center), Twitter (@DaytonVisArtCtr) and Instagram (daytonvisualartscenter).

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ABOUT DVAC

The Dayton Visual Arts Center (DVAC) helps sustain the arts community by providing a place to show, market, and sell work and also helps satisfy the needs and wants of art-lovers who have a place to see artists' work and, often, meet the artists. At its core, DVAC advances art for the community and a community for artists. DVAC receives operating support from the Ohio Arts Council, Culture Works, Montgomery County Arts & Cultural District, The Dayton Power & Light Foundation and the Virginia W. Kettering Foundation, and Members.

2016-17 Corporate Members: Houser Asphalt & Concrete, LWC Inc., Premier Health, and Square One Salon & Spa.

DVAC25 Season Partners: Premier Health, Lou and Steve Mason, Betsy and Lee Whitney, Linda Lombard, Kathy and John Emery, and Pam and George Houk.

Also On View:

Soul Train I a site-specific mural by Morris Howard
Dayton Printmakers Cooperative Spotlight: Carrie South
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Summer Gallery Hours: 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Tues., Wed., Thu. | 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Fri. & Sat.
Closed Sun. & Mon. | 5-8 p.m. on First Friday