

15TH ANNUAL RAGS

WEARABLE ART SALE & SHOW

Juried Marketplace and Gallery Competition

March 12-15, 2009

Mercedes-Benz of Tacoma

Proceeds benefit domestic violence prevention and intervention programs of the YWCA Pierce County. The YWCA operates the county's largest safe shelter for women and their children.

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Combined Prospectus

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ABOUT RAGS

The YWCA RAGS Guild is delighted to present RAGS 2009, the 15th Annual Wearable Art Sale and Show. Proceeds from this event are designated for domestic violence prevention and intervention programs of the YWCA Pierce County, Washington, and to help provide safe shelter to women and their families whose lives are at risk.

We are again very pleased to host the RAGS show at the elegant Mercedes-Benz of Tacoma showroom in Fife, off Interstate 5, just north of Tacoma. The location boasts floor-to-ceiling windows for ample daylight, as well as a convenient stop off the freeway for shoppers.

Artists may send work with or without attending the show. Each *artist* will receive one complimentary ticket to the preview gala benefit.

The four-day RAGS event begins with an invitational gala preview benefit, including beverages and hors d'oeuvres, entertainment and presentation of Gallery awards.

RAGS – TWO PARTS:

The **GALLERY**, with awards competition, is a show of unique, one-of-a-kind wearable art with competitive divisions for garments and jewelry/accessories. Gallery items must be designed and produced solely by the artist.

The **MARKETPLACE** is a *boutique-style* sale of wearable art. All works entered in this division *must* be priced for sale by the artist.

CALENDAR

December 12	Postmark deadline for entries (Entries received later will be returned.)
January 15	Notification and information packet mailed
February 20	Paperwork due back
February 20	Gallery works received for awards jury
March 6	Deadline for receiving shipped Marketplace works
March 6	Deadline to call for delivery appointment
March 11, 12	In-person Marketplace works received
March 12	Gala Preview Benefit
March 13, 14	Event open to public 10-6
March 15	Event open to public 10-4
March 15	Unsold works must be picked up (<i>at 4:00 pm</i>) or will be shipped by March 24

DELIVERY

Instructions will be included in the Artist's Agreement sent upon acceptance.

LIABILITY

YWCA RAGS Guild will insure goods for catastrophic loss during time of sale.

2009 JURY SYSTEM

RAGS follows strict guidelines to maintain the quality of work accepted. The 2009 Jury will consist of three regionally- and locally-recognized jurors. Panel members will view blind entries by category and medium, and will score each individually on a scale of 1-5, excluding 3. This ensures results are skewed toward high or low, rather than having scores hover around the midpoint. When scoring is complete, results are tallied and a cut-off score is determined.

Jury Guidelines/Scoring Criteria:

- Premium craftsmanship
- Incomparable technique and application
- Original composition and design
- Balance of all mediums
- Variety of Appeal

In order to provide an appropriate balance of garments to jewelry and accessories, the RAGS artist committee makes selections by scores and category. Highest-scoring declined artists are placed on a wait list pending cancellations. The top three selling artists from RAGS 2008 are automatically accepted with payment of entry fees.

GALLERY AWARDS

Accepted gallery entries are judged by a separate three-judge panel. Monetary awards will be given in the categories of Garments, Jewelry, Accessories and Best of Show. These and other special awards will be presented at the Gala Preview on Thursday evening, March 12, 2009.

ENTRY INFORMATION

Note: all entries must be made digitally per specifications below

- All entries must be the artist's original work.
- Each artist must submit at least two but **no more than three images—total**—of her/his work. Use different file names for each that describes the article. The following Web site provides helpful information for preparing your images:
http://www.weavezine.com/summer2008/wz_su08_DarylLancaster.php
- We recommend that images represent artist's current year's work. *Returning artists are strongly encouraged to submit new looks and pieces* to appeal to our many repeat customers.
- Only the type of work depicted in the images will be juried (example: to enter jewelry and garments, submit images of both.)
- Items submitted need not be identical to those pictured, but should be similar in quality, nature and price range.
- **Clearly label CD with your name.** If you want your CD returned after jurying you must include a SASE CD envelope.
- If entering both Marketplace and Gallery, send a separate CD for each and clearly identify each by sequence numbers and description.
- All previous pricing must be concealed effectively.
- **If you want assurance that your entry is received, send via** USPS "Delivery Confirmation." Entry applications must be postmarked by December 12, 2008, and accompanied by CD and applicable fees.
- Entry fees are non-refundable. Make check payable to RAGS.

ENTRY FEES

- Marketplace only (\$35)**
- Gallery only (\$15 per entry)**
- Marketplace and Gallery (\$50-\$80)**

MARKETPLACE SALES

Goods must be priced for sale by the artist. Specific inventory-tagging instructions will follow with acceptance and contract. Artist retains a 67% commission of sales.

To aid the jurors and the artist committee in interpreting your images and balancing the show, please include descriptions of artistic and production methods, approximate quantities and price ranges below. Please be as specific as possible – include a separate sheet if necessary.

GALLERY COMPETITION

Maximum of three Gallery entries. Entries must not have been shown at a previous RAGS nor appear worn. Entries may be priced for sale. "Not For Sale" pieces also may be entered. Artist will retain a 60% commission of Gallery sales.

ARTIST INFORMATION

Please check box below for any new information

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, ZIP _____

Telephone _____ Day _____ Eve _____

E-mail _____

How did you hear about RAGS? _____

The Artist's agreement **must** be signed and returned with images, fees and this entry application completed in its entirety.

I understand that submission of an entry constitutes my permission for **RAGS** to video-tape or photograph the work and to reproduce my images for RAGS purposes. I am in agreement with all the conditions set forth in this prospectus.

Artist's Signature

Date

Send this completed entry application, images, stamped self-addressed cd mailer for return of cd (optional), plus nonrefundable entry fee(s) for Marketplace and/or Gallery (**check or money order payable to RAGS**) to:

YWCA RAGS GUILD, 405 Broadway, Tacoma, WA 98402

Please retain a copy of this form for your records and return all forms with your images and fees.

ARTISTIC DESCRIPTION for MARKETPLACE

Artist Name: _____

Artistic Technique: _____

Production Process: _____

Garments: coats, jackets, vests, dresses, ensembles—no. and type of pieces

Retail price range _____

Techniques/materials _____

Jewelry: pins, earrings, pendants—no. and type of pieces

Retail price range _____

Techniques/materials _____

Accessories: scarves, shawls, hats, handbags, gloves—no. and type of pieces

Retail price range _____

Techniques/materials _____

Your entry is for:

Marketplace only

Marketplace and Gallery

ARTISTIC DESCRIPTION for GALLERY

Artist Name: _____

Artistic Technique: _____

Production Process: _____

Please coordinate description/title/number of each item with the order of images on CD.

Garments: coats, jackets, vests, dresses, ensembles—no. and type of pieces

Retail price (if NFS, enter value) _____

Techniques/materials _____

Jewelry: pins, earrings, pendants—no. and type of pieces

Retail price (if NFS, enter value) _____

Techniques/materials _____

Accessories: scarves, shawls, hats, handbags, gloves—no. and type of pieces

Retail price (if NFS, enter value) _____

Techniques/materials _____

Your entry is for:

Gallery only

Gallery and Marketplace