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Celebrate the *Visions of Mackinac* at The Richard and Jane Manoogian Mackinac Art Museum

MACKINAC ISLAND, MICH. — Mackinac State Historic Parks will host a ceremony announcing the *Visions of Mackinac* art exhibition winners at The Richard and Jane Manoogian Mackinac Art Museum on Wednesday, June 19 at 6:30 p.m.

For the 10th anniversary of the juried art exhibition, Mackinac State Historic Parks encouraged artists working in all media to share their artistic visions of Mackinac Island.

More than 110 pieces were submitted for consideration. Juror Emily Lanctot, Curator of Collections and Outreach at Northern Michigan University's DeVos Art Museum, selected 23 pieces for exhibition in the second-floor gallery at the museum. From those 23 pieces, Lanctot will select Best of Show, second and third place, and three honorable mention pieces. Each winner will receive a cash prize. The Best of Show winner will also receive The Richard and Jane Manoogian Mackinac Art Museum Gold Medal and their name on the list of annual Gold Medal winners, displayed at the museum. All prizes are donated by the Mackinac Arts Council and Mackinac Associates.

"I am thrilled to be selected to jury *Visions of Mackinac*," Lanctot said. "As someone who works at an Upper Peninsula art museum that collects local and regional art, I understand that the support and celebration of arts in our region are terrifically important. There is a rich legacy of arts in our region, and I look forward to seeing the range of artwork submitted. This exhibition is an excellent opportunity for those near and far to appreciate and reflect on the beauty of Mackinac Island and the surrounding area."

Lanctot's work explores themes of identity, the archive, the collection, memory, and institutional politics. Lanctot's work moves between media to examine cultural rituals and everyday practices. Lanctot received her B.F.A. in Drawing and Painting from Northern Michigan University in 2008 and an M.F.A. in Interdisciplinary Studio Arts from Vermont College of Fine Arts in 2010. Lanctot also teaches in the Foundations program at the School of Art and Design at Northern Michigan University.

Visions of Mackinac will remain on display through Oct. 5, 2019. More information can be found at mackinacparks.com.

Mackinac State Historic Parks, a family of living history museums and parks in northern Michigan's Straits of Mackinac, is an agency within the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Its sites—which are accredited by the American Alliance of Museums—include Fort Mackinac, Historic Downtown Mackinac, The Richard and Jane Manoogian Mackinac Art Museum, and Mackinac Island State Park on Mackinac Island, and Colonial Michilimackinac, Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse, and Historic Mill Creek Discovery Park in Mackinaw City. Mackinac State Historic Parks is governed by the Mackinac Island State Park Commission, established in 1895 to protect, preserve and present the parks' rich historic and natural resources for the education and recreation of future generations. Visitor information is available at (231) 436-4100 or on the web at www.mackinacparks.com.

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