

2017 Art Contest Juror Panel Biographies

Stacy Brooks

Stacy studied art at Sarah Lawrence College and received a BFA in Graphic Design from SCAD-Atlanta. She has extensive experience as a painter in traditional media and has now added digital illustration in both Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator to her repertoire. As a graphic designer she does her own illustrations and enjoys working not only in the commercial field but also in the nonprofit world. She is currently preparing to launch a major fund-raising project for a range of animal welfare organizations including World Wildlife Fund, Farm Sanctuary, Humane Society, Ocean Conservancy, and the Audubon Society.

David Cohen

David Cohen has exhibited his work in galleries in New York, Washington DC, New Jersey, Baltimore and Atlanta. He received his MFA in Painting at the Maryland Institute College of Art and was selected as the Official Doodler for the TEDxPeachtree conference in 2011. He calls the drawings doodles, but despite that silly sounding name, he's very serious about this as a form of expression. Each plays its part in communicating his fundamental outlook: that despite a world of threats, ambiguity, and danger, there is always a place for whimsy, joy, hope, and love.

Nancy Weitnauer

Local artist Nancy Weitnauer graduated from Florida State University with degrees in Advertising and Fine Arts before moving to Atlanta. Once here, she continued her studies at the Creative Circus adding various styles of visual art to her portfolio. She spent ten years teaching art classes to young children and currently creates home portraits for several local realtors. Presently she considers cut paper and watercolor her favorite media in which to work, but continues to study to strengthen her skills and expand her artistic repertoire.