

# 2022–2023 Exhibit Schedule

## Cummings Art Gallery

### **Art Faculty Exhibition**

Wednesday, Aug. 24–Thursday, Oct. 6

Reception: Thursday, Sept. 8, from 5 to 7 p.m.

*Closed Friday, Sept. 2, through Monday, Sept. 5, and Thursday, Sept. 22.*

Our Art Department consists of working artists currently exhibiting in the field. Cummings Gallery proudly showcases an exhibit of their latest works. Featured members of the art faculty: Gary Cardot, Jodi Staniunas-Hopper, Pete Stadtmueller, Heather Denning, Jessica Stadtmueller, Alison Stinely, and featured alumnus, Durim Loshaj '13.

### **“DiverseCity, Photographs of an Urban Melting Pot” by Jennifer Brown**

Monday, Oct. 17–Monday, Dec. 12

Reception with Artist Talk: Thursday, Oct. 20, from 5 to 7 p.m.

*Closed for Thanksgiving Break, Wednesday, Nov. 23, through Sunday, Nov. 27.*

Jennifer Brown is a photojournalist covering news, politics, and social issues. She has won numerous awards from National Press Photographers Association, New Jersey Press Photographers Association, and in 2008 was named New York Press Photographer of the Year. Brown was the recipient of two New York Emmy Awards for her work on an app and documentary about the impact of the 9/11 ten years after the terrorist attacks.

Brown is most passionate about telling the stories of ordinary people living extraordinary lives. She is the official city photographer for Jersey City, NJ, considered America’s “most diverse city.” For this exhibit, Brown uses her camera to explore this title within differing and distinct neighborhoods. Through attending hundreds of events, she photographs the rich customs, languages, holidays, dress, dance, and pride people have in their varied traditions. This process leads to an unexpected revelation.

*“My initial photos captured the spectacle and visual variety of it all. But I eventually discovered something greater going on: Not only were these separate groups represented in my work, there also was a convergence of divergent cultures in a new, collective experience.*

*Soon I was capturing Black women tossing colored gulal powder into the air at a Hindu Holi festival; a Muslim in traditional garb sitting in the park against a backdrop of a Celtic cross statue memorializing the Irish famine; and Indian children excitedly searching for hidden Easter eggs.*

*Through this body of work, I have tried to answer my initial questions about my adopted hometown. Having the space and freedom to express one’s own culture is what makes Jersey City “the most diverse city in America.” But, to me, it is the coming together to celebrate one another’s cultures that makes it truly diverse.”*  
—Jennifer Brown

This exhibit is funded by the Rev. Sylvester Jaworski endowment, named after the Divine Word missionary and photographer who was memorialized in a gift by the late Audrey Hirt '49.

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### **Finding Order Out of Chaos**

Monday, Jan. 16–Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2023.

Reception: Thursday, Jan. 26, from 5 to 7 p.m.

None of us were untouched by the effects of COVID-19. The pandemic presented new fears, financial concerns, and isolation. As we collectively scrambled to navigate the “new normal” of working remotely in quarantine, counselors were adapting to the new world of telehealth, while also balancing their own lives and self-care.

For art therapists, this process involves creating “response art.” Diane Fleisch Hughes is an art therapist/counselor and multi-media figurative artist based in Cleveland, Ohio. Her works layer different media with expressive figurative drawing to portray the emotional state of her subject and the environment in which they find themselves.

*“Art therapists use response art to contain difficult material, express and examine their own experiences, and share their experiences with others. I have found that mixed media collage is immediate and intuitive, which for me best describes how I am going forward.” —Diane Fleisch Hughes*

### **Patricia S. Yahn ‘50 Juried Student Art Show**

Monday, Feb. 27–Friday, March 24, 2023.

Reception: Thursday, March 2, from 5 to 7 p.m.

*Closed for Spring Break, Monday, March 6, through Sunday, March 12.*

Our students come to Mercyhurst with talent, passion, and imagination. Our art program channels these gifts through a disciplined approach to art making. Every year, the Gallery hosts an exhibit to applaud their best works in all mediums. This year’s Guest Juror, Diane Fleisch Hughes, will choose the works for this show and present awards. This opportunity is made possible by a gift from fine artist and Mercyhurst Art Alumna, Patricia S. Yahn ’50.

### **2023 Senior Thesis Art Exhibition**

Monday, March 27–Friday, May 5, 2023.

Reception: Saturday, April 1, from 3 to 5 p.m.

*Closed for Easter Break, Wednesday, April 5, through Monday, April 10.*

Students majoring in Art pair with a mentor from our Art faculty during their senior year to produce a solid body of work in one medium. This final visual thesis culminates in a public exhibition.

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### Gallery Hours

Monday-Friday, noon-4 p.m.

Closed for holidays and university breaks on the following dates:

- **Labor Day Weekend:** Friday, Sept. 2, through Sunday, Sept. 5
- **Mass of the Holy Spirit:** Thursday, Sept. 22
- **Thanksgiving Break:** Wednesday, Nov. 23, through Sunday, Nov. 27
- **Winter Break:** Wednesday, Dec. 13, through Monday, Jan. 15
- **Spring Break:** Monday, March 6, through Friday, March 10
- **Easter Break:** Wednesday, April 5, through Monday, April 10

For more information, contact Cummings Art Gallery Director Jessica Stadtmueller at [jstadtmueller@mercyhurst.edu](mailto:jstadtmueller@mercyhurst.edu) or 814-824-2092.

### Our Story

*“For those who knew her well, Sister M. Angelica’s religious life and her career as an artist blended happily. No matter what the subject of her painting, it spoke clearly of beauty, truth, and goodness.” —Sister Eustace Taylor*

When Mercyhurst opened in 1926, Sister Angelica Cummings founded its Department of Fine Arts, remaining at its helm for nearly 50 years. While guiding hundreds of Art majors, she steadily built a body of work that earned her recognition across the country and Europe. In 1984, she witnessed the dedication of an art gallery in her name, surrounded by generations of art students, faculty, and friends.

We continue to honor her memory through exhibiting the works of our students and faculty, as well as regional and national artists. Every year, Cummings Art Gallery proudly offers several fine art exhibitions for the Erie community to enjoy.