



2016 Draper Grand Prize
Michael Klein *Entrepreneur*, 38 x 28", oil on panel

Enter on or before March 2, 2017



Over \$100,000 in Cash & Prizes
 Winners will also receive a certificate authenticating their award, as well as recognition in *The Art of the Portrait* journal and *International Artist* magazine.



You are invited to enter the 19th Annual International Portrait Competition, showcasing the finest in portraiture and figurative art today. The International Portrait Competition is open to all artists, members and non-members. A variety of mediums is welcomed and encouraged. The top twenty finalists are required to exhibit their selected original artwork and be present at the prestigious *The Art of the Portrait*[®] conference in Atlanta, GA, April 20-23, 2017.

Awards will be presented at the annual conference Saturday, April 22, 2017 in the following categories:

- ◆ Grand Prize: An overall selected winner from **the top twenty finalists' original artwork**
- ◆ First Place Drawing
- ◆ First Place Painting
- ◆ First Place Sculpture
- ◆ Six Placement Awards
- ◆ Ten Merit Awards

IMPORTANT DATES

File Upload Deadline:	March 2, 2017
Finalist Notification:	March 15, 2017
Exhibition Dates:	April 20-23, 2017
Gala Awards Banquet	April 22, 2017

AWARDS & PRIZES

All entries must be uploaded to the website on or before midnight **March 2, 2017**.

- ◆ Over \$100,000 in Cash and Prizes
- ◆ The William Draper Grand Prize features a \$10,000 cash prize and a feature article in *International Artist* magazine
- ◆ Recognition in *International Artist* magazine, *The Art of the Portrait*[®] journal and on the Portrait Society's website
- ◆ Top 20 finalists receive complimentary tuition to the 2018 *The Art of the Portrait*[®] conference, as well as other cash and prizes

ENTRY FEE

The \$45 Entry Fee covers up to 3 unique submissions. Credit cards are accepted on-line with your submission, the fee is non-refundable and must accompany your submission.

If you are selected as a finalist you are required to be in attendance with your artwork to win a prize.

JUDGING CRITERIA

Our goal is to create an exhibition, in conjunction with our annual conference, of the finest portrait and figurative work being created today worldwide. The final award winners are selected through a two step process. A three member jury appointed by the Chair will select the top 20 finalists from the submitted images. On-site prizes will be selected, by a different panel, after viewing the original art work at the event. **Please note: If you are selected as a top finalist, you must be in attendance with your original artwork to win, registration fee for finalists will be waived.**

Standards for judging will include in part:

- ◆ Technical proficiency within the potential of the medium
- ◆ Fundamental skill development
- ◆ Originality and uniqueness in the concept and design
- ◆ Aesthetic sophistication
- ◆ Cultural significance

QUALIFYING ENTRIES

Notification of finalists will be made by March 15, 2017. All entries must meet the following criteria:

- ◆ **Must be the artist's own original design and concept**
- ◆ Created independently and after March 2014
- ◆ For 2D the longest side should not be larger than 65"
- ◆ For 3D the size of the piece should under 6'
- ◆ Portrait Society Board Members and Gold Medal recipients are ineligible
- ◆ Artists who win the Grand Prize are prohibited from entering for three full years
- ◆ Faculty donating their time to teach at *The Art of the Portrait* are eligible to enter the competition

In addition, no photography, electronic/computer generated art, art done in a class, workshop or under supervision is eligible. All other media is accepted and encouraged, both two-dimensional and three-dimensional. Sculpture entries can provide up to 3 views of the same piece.

SHIPPING & SECURITY

Artists whose work is selected for the top 20 awards are responsible for transporting their artwork by the specified date to and from the conference being held at the Grand Hyatt Atlanta.

The artist is responsible for all shipping charges and insurance, both on site and during transit. The Portrait Society of America, nor the Grand Hyatt Atlanta will be responsible for any shipping, holding fees, loss or damage of artwork, regardless of the cause.

NOTE: Conference tuition is waived for finalists, but they must arrange and be responsible for their own travel, hotel and shipping of their original artwork.



2016 First Place Sculpture
Alicia Ponzio

Portrait Study I: Mr. Koch,
20 x 10 x 10", Plaster on wooden base

HOW TO SUBMIT ELECTRONICALLY

FORMAT YOUR ENTRY

Prepare up to three (3) unique artworks for entry

- ◆ Only digital entries will be accepted.
- ◆ Images should ONLY be of the artwork. Do not include matting, frame, etc. in the image.
- ◆ Save each file as a **TIFF or JPG, no larger than 3 megabytes.**
- ◆ **Each file must be labeled in the following format: artist's last name, first initial, and letter of the entry being submitted, separated by a dash.** For example: smith-j-a.jpg



2016 First Place Drawing
Olga Krimon

Yin and Yang, 18 x 24", charcoal and graphite

ACCESS THE ENTRY FORM ONLINE

www.portraitsociety.org

STEPS TO SUBMIT ONLINE

Step 1 — Enter Contact Information

Step 2 — Upload Your Artwork

Make sure you entry files are formatted according to the instructions above and are named correctly.
For example: smith-j-a.jpg

Then, for each artwork, enter the Title, Dimensions, and Medium. Example: Katharina, 18x24", Oil on canvas



Upload Each Image:

1. Click the button labeled "Choose File"
2. Select your image from your files
3. Click "Open"
4. The file name will appear to the right of the "Choose File" button

To complete the form you must still click **"Submit" and pay.**

Step 3 — Agree to Terms of Competition

Read and agree to the terms of the competition.

Step 4 — Submit Your Entry & Go to Payment Page

Enter your name as it reads on the credit card or PayPal account you are using to pay the entry fee, then click **"Submit."** You will be taken to the secure payment page where you can enter your Mastercard, Visa or Paypal account.



2016 First Place Painting
Brooke Olivares

Carlotta Olivares, 36 x 36", oil

CONFIRMATION EMAIL

You will receive a confirmation email with an Entry ID number. Please retain a copy of this email for your records. If you have any questions, call 1-850-878-9996.