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## Center for the Arts Evergreen Presents the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Rocky Mountain National Watermedia Exhibition

**EVERGREEN, COLORADO | September 8, 2023** – Visit the Center for the Arts Evergreen (CAE) between September 21 and October 28 to view the prestigious Rocky Mountain National Watermedia exhibition, celebrating 50 years of excellence in 2023. This annual juried exhibition is always a highlight for Colorado art collectors and appreciators alike.

### ABOUT THE EXHIBIT

Celebrating its 50th year – the “golden” anniversary – the Rocky Mountain National Watermedia (RMNW) exhibition attracts entrants from throughout the US and is regarded as one of the top watermedia exhibitions in the country. Hosted by Center for the Arts Evergreen (CAE), RMNW traditionally offers more than \$20,000 in awards. As always, RMNW extends beyond the traditional transparent watercolor, and this year’s exhibition includes acrylic, egg tempera, gouache, and mixed media, depicting a variety of subject matter in very diverse styles ranging from highly articulated realism to whimsical abstraction. This year, acclaimed watercolorists Ken and Stephanie Goldman have juried in 57 exceptional works—representing artists from 23 states—from nearly 500 submissions, based upon technical quality, originality, and artistic merit.

Please join us as the award-winning pieces are revealed at the public opening reception on Thursday, September 21 from 4-7 pm at Center for the Arts Evergreen (CAE). Drinks and light fare will be offered, and the Goldmans will be joining the opening virtually to provide critique of their selections as prizes are awarded beginning at 6 pm. CAE will also be hosting additional events in celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> year, including an in-person critique session with 2021 RMNW juror Steve Griggs and a public demonstration day featuring live painting by 2023 RMNW artists. Private or group curator-led tours are also available by calling 303-674-0056. [Please visit our website for details](https://evergreenarts.org/event/exhibition-rocky-mountain-national-watermedia-50th-anniversary/). RMNW runs September 21 through October 28 at Center for the Arts Evergreen, 31880 Rocky Village Dr., Evergreen.

The 2023 exhibition is sponsored by LIV Sotheby’s, Farmers Insurance – Bruce Anderson Agency, Colorado Creative Industries, and the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District (SCFD).

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## **ABOUT THE JURORS**

### **2023 JURORS — KEN & STEPHANIE GOLDMAN**

CAE is pleased to announce that internationally acclaimed painters and husband-wife duo, Ken & Stephanie Goldman, will serve as the jurors for the 50th Rocky Mountain National Watermedia Exhibition. They will give a watermedia demonstration and each will teach a 1-day workshop at CAE. Both are established watermedia artists holding signature status in National Watercolor Society (NWS), American Watercolor Society (AWS), and Watercolor Honor Society (WHS). Stephanie Goldman is known for her richly colored figures and insightful portraits. She is currently, and Ken was, President of NWS. Ken has exhibited widely in Holland, Paris, Italy, Greece, China, Colombia, Mexico, and the USA. He has been featured in numerous art magazines and TV specials. Stephanie's paintings are in permanent national and international collections of private, corporate, and educational institutions. They have both authored publications and taught many workshops. CAE is excited to bring their expertise and distinct styles to RMNW.

## **ABOUT CENTER FOR THE ARTS EVERGREEN**

In 1974, a group of local art enthusiasts forged a plan to provide mountain area residents with an avenue to pursue high-quality art instruction and view a wide variety of art. Having leased a small building since 2003 under the new name of Center for the Arts Evergreen (CAE), in 2017, CAE purchased and renovated the historic Bergen Park Church. The new space allowed for an exhibition gallery and significant expansion of educational and community programming, including beginning- to advanced-level visual arts and crafts classes for all ages, creative writing courses, master workshops in various mediums, children's summer camps, and a teen arts council. Engaging professional artists in multiple aspects, CAE commits to a high level of artistic excellence, hosting at least 10 exhibitions annually. Additionally, CAE hosts an intimate gallery concert series, offers event and meeting space for rent to community businesses and nonprofits, and produces three free or low-cost arts festivals annually. A curated artisanal gift shop in the Center also provides exposure and revenue for local artists. CAE is currently undergoing a significant \$2.3M expansion project, doubling the Center's square footage, including new community mixed-use space, a dedicated ceramics facility, private rental artist studios, and an Artist in Residence program site. Center for the Arts Evergreen is located at 31880 Rocky Village Drive in Evergreen, CO. For more information, please visit [evergreenarts.org](http://evergreenarts.org), call 303.674.0056, or email [amanda@evergreenarts.org](mailto:amanda@evergreenarts.org).

## **2023 RMNW Schedule of Events**

### **Opening Reception**

Thursday, September 21 from 4-7 pm

FREE to the public

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### **Critique with Steve Griggs**

Wednesday, October 11 from 5:30-7:30 pm

\$15 per person

Join us for our LIVE in-person critique session in conjunction with the Rocky Mountain National Watermedia exhibition! Many of you may remember Steve Griggs, the 2021 RMNW juror. Steve's generous and thoughtful critiques of the award-winning pieces inspired many of you to create more...and better. Now, we're bringing Steve to all of you. Sign up to be a part of a live critique session on October 11 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Only \$15 to receive amazing feedback and direction on your work and an opportunity to meet other thoughtful artists. You can submit ONE piece by email. Steve will review all pieces before October 11 and will have comments prepared for participants. It's a great time to refine your ideas and take your work to the next level. This is open to any artist working in any 2-D medium. Wine and light snacks will be served! Maximum of 24 participants to receive feedback. We must receive your images by email ([sara@evergreenarts.org](mailto:sara@evergreenarts.org)) no later than October 1.

### **RMNW Public Demo Day**

Saturday, October 14 from 10:30 am-4 pm

FREE to the public

We are welcoming RMNW-accepted artists to demo at Center for the Arts Evergreen. It will be a day filled with public art and beautiful paintings. We'll welcome 6-8 artists who will each paint for 1 hour live in the CAE gallery. Come enjoy the beauty of the Rocky Mountain National Watermedia exhibition and see some of the professional artists in action!

