Berkshire Museum presents Art of the Hills June 2 to September 3, 2018

Juried exhibition features Berkshire-based artists

[Pittsfield, Mass.] – This summer the Berkshire Museum will present Art of the Hills, a juried exhibition, June 2 through September 3, 2018, continuing a long tradition of exhibiting the work of accomplished local artists. Art of the Hills is generously sponsored by Berkshire Magazine.

Celebrating the rich, creative culture of the region, Art of the Hills highlights the works of both emerging and established Berkshire-based artists working in all styles and genres. Forty-two works of art by 36 artists were chosen by juror/curator Ryan Seslow through a blind jurying process; the exhibition includes painting, drawing, mixed media, printmaking, photography, and sculpture.

An Opening Reception will be held Saturday, June 2, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Admission to the reception is free, courtesy of Berkshire Magazine, allowing members of the wider community to meet and interact with many of the artists participating in the exhibition. An awards ceremony will be held during the reception, with awards given for Best in Show, Second Place, and Third Place, as well as two Honorable Mentions. Refreshments for the evening will include beer, wine, and signature cocktails from Berkshire Mountain Distillers. Space is limited; please RSVP to 413.443.7171 ext. 314.

“We are proud to establish this juried exhibition as an opportunity for the many exceptional artists living and working in the Berkshire region to exhibit their work in a museum setting,” says Craig Langlois, Berkshire Museum’s chief experience officer. “The
enthusiastic response from area artists tells us that this show is a welcome addition for the creative community. The impressive quality of the work on view will reinforce the well-deserved reputation for excellence that is held by our regional artists.”

Artists living within a 60-mile radius of the Museum were invited to submit their recent work, and in total, 230 artists submitted their work for consideration, numbering 627 individual works of art evaluated.

The artists chosen to exhibit their work in this summer’s Art of the Hills are Tracy Baker-White, Madeline Bohrer, Michael Boroniec, Michael Bufis, William Casper, John Clarke, Laurie May Coyle, Laura Didyk, Julia Dixon, Helen Evans Febbo, Jacob Fossum, Joe Goodwin, Robert Hill, Patricia Hogan, Crystalle Lacouture, JD Logan, John MacDonald, Ben Mancino, Jesse Tobin McCauley, Scott R. McClintock, Sean McCusker, Robert Morgan, Lynne O’Connell, Bruce Panock, Bryan Powers, James Singelis, Anne W. Smith, Nelena Soro, Ilene Spiewak, Paula Stem, Rose Tannenbaum, Barbara Shea Tracy, Joseph Tracy, Margot Trout, Katherine Ryan Waiveris, and Rachael Warnock.

**About Ryan Seslow**

Ryan Seslow, the juror/curator who selected the works for Art of the Hills, is an artist, graphic designer, web designer, illustrator, and a professor of art and design, based in New York. As a visual artist, he works with a synthesis of applied arts, new media, digital and Internet-art. He shows his work both on and off the web and is the curator of Concrete to Data (concretetodata.com), an exhibition at the Steinberg Museum of Art that continues to exist online, and the co-curator of online projects Encrypted Fills (encryptedfills.com) and Animating Transit (animatingtransit.com). A professor of art and design since 2004, Seslow teaches various hybrid studio art, digital art, graphic design, digital storytelling, communication technology, and web design courses for graduate and undergraduate level programs in New York City at two CUNY colleges, LIU Post and Iona College.

**About the Berkshire Museum**
Located in downtown Pittsfield, Massachusetts, at 39 South St., the Berkshire Museum is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is $13 adult, $6 child; Museum members and children age 3 and under enjoy free admission. For more information, visit www.berkshiremuseum.org or call 413.443.7171.

Established by Zenas Crane in 1903, Berkshire Museum integrates art, history, and natural science in a wide range of programs and exhibitions that inspire educational connections between the disciplines. Mission Aerospace is on view now through May 13, 2018. Curiosity Incubator is on view. Little Cinema is open year-round. Lab 102, Feigenbaum Hall of Innovation, Worlds in Miniature, Aquarium, and other exhibits are ongoing.

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