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Nathan Beard
Artist Judge Biography

Tampa Bay-based artist and juror **Nathan Beard** has, in less than 20 years, amassed a highly credentialed *curriculum vitae*. After obtaining his BFA in studio art from Colorado State University in 2001, he remained in the Denver area while assuming several influential positions, including that of lead exhibition installer and various art consultancies. After relocating to the Tampa Bay area, he resumed those same pursuits, while adding curating responsibilities to his *c.v.* He is an experienced judge and juror, having judged both outdoor art fairs as well as museum and art center exhibitions. In a recent five-year period, Mr. Beard exhibited his own work in at least 24 group exhibitions, and, since 2011, more than a dozen solo-exhibitions in the U.S. and Japan.

Mr. Beard works in drawing, collage, and multi-layered painting. He draws influence from the density, variety, and coloring of Florida fauna. His drawings and paintings are a combination of undulating geometric form, derived from an extensive and intense color palette and an incredible ability to maintain order and astonishing detail in his work.

Stating "...art is something that moves us beyond the mundane while connecting us to our shared humanity," Mr. Beard goes on to say that his four criteria of judging are "mastery of technique, excellence with composition and form, compelling content, and powerful emotional or psychological presence." He further states that, when judging, he looks for "...quality of talent, breadth of vision, and depth of experience one encounters within a community of artists." Mr. Beard resides in St. Petersburg, FL, with his wife and children.