

## **ABOUT THE BAKER ARTIST PORTFOLIOS**

The Baker Artist Portfolios were created to support artists and promote Greater Baltimore as a strong creative community. The online portfolios are open to artists working in all disciplines who live and work in Baltimore City and its five surrounding counties. The portfolios expose area artists' work to regional, national and international audiences. The Baker Artist Awards provide significant monetary prizes to awardees, who are selected from artists with active Baker portfolios.

The portfolios and awards were established by the William G. Baker, Jr. Memorial Fund and are a program of the Greater Baltimore Cultural Alliance.

### **Eligibility**

To create a portfolio on the Baker Artist Portfolio site, you must be at least 21 years old and have been a legal resident of the Baltimore region since September 1, 2018 (one year prior to the opening of the current open portfolio season). The Baltimore region is defined as: Anne Arundel County, Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Carroll County, Harford County and Howard County.

The Baker Artist Portfolios are intended for individual artists and groups of artists working as a collective. Artists working in any discipline or multiple disciplines are eligible to be awarded the Mary Sawyers Imboden Prize and the Mary Sawyers Baker prize. Organizations and venues are not eligible.

### **Award Overview**

All artists who have an active portfolio on the Baker website on December 20, 2019 at 5:00PM will be considered for an award, which include significant monetary prizes, exhibition and showcase opportunities, as well as a feature on Maryland Public Television's *Artworks* program.

Previous awardees receiving \$10,000 or less remain eligible to receive an additional award after the completion of one additional awards cycle (meaning, artists may not receive awards in two sequential years).

Staff of the Greater Baltimore Cultural Alliance and the Baltimore Community Foundation, as well as their immediate family, are not eligible to receive and award.

### **The Prizes**

**To download detailed instructions on using the Baker Artist Portfolios website, please [click here!](#)**



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Each year, six artists with Baker portfolios are selected to win a total of \$90,000 in prizes:

- One Artist per discipline (Literary Arts, Performing Arts, Visual Arts, Interdisciplinary Arts, Music and Film/ Video) will be selected to win a \$10,000 Mary Sawyers Baker Prize.
- From these six awardees, one artist will be selected to receive the Mary Sawyers Imboden Prize, including an additional \$30,000, for a total of \$40,000.

Visual Arts and Interdisciplinary Awardees receive an exhibition at the Baltimore Museum of Art. Awardees in other disciplines receive a showcase at another major Baltimore institution.

### **Award Criteria and Adjudication Process**

Recipients of the Baker Artist Awards are selected by an anonymous jury comprised of local, regional and national experts.

Awardees are selected based on excellence in three areas: mastery of craft, depth of artistic exploration, and unique vision.

### **Award Schedule**

**December 20, 2019 at 5:00pm:** Deadline for artists to be considered for an award

**February 5, 2020:** Awards Finalists Announced (approximately 6 per category)

**May 2020:** Baker Artist Awardees Announcement on MPT's *Artworks*

### **How to Submit**

Your portfolio on the Baker Artist Portfolios website also serves as your submission for the Baker Artist Awards. There is no 'submit' button.

All artists with an active portfolio on **December 20, 2019 at 5:00PM** will automatically be considered for an award. At that time, the website will automatically create a cloned copy of each artists portfolio to be used for adjudication. After 5:00PM, artists may still update their public portfolio, but these updates will not be judged until the following year.

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