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What *Vessels* Convey at Susquehanna Art Museum

Harrisburg, PA – Susquehanna Art Museum has just opened *Vessels*, a juried exhibition that's causing folks to stop and contemplate the many nuances of the word, "vessel". *Vessels* is on view in the Museum's Lobby Gallery now through Sunday, August 6.

Clearly the jurors who selected the 31 pieces currently on exhibit in "Vessels" were challenged to broaden their personal vision(s) of the implications of the word. Stated juror, Regis Brodie, a seasoned professor of ceramics, *"Frankly I expected to see more traditional functional objects in this exhibition. I was surprised, and not unpleasantly, to see the many interpretations artists brought to the challenge of responding to the Vessels theme."*

"Interpreting a given theme is a challenge presented to artists who enter their work for consideration", noted Susquehanna Art Museum's Director of Exhibitions, Lauren Nye, who coordinated all aspects of this dynamic juried show. She continued, *"Some artists may already have something in their body of work that fits the criteria. Others create a new piece to explore a fluid theme that has multiple interpretations, in this case, the vessel."*

The *Vessels* call for entries challenged artists to consider the functions and possibilities of a vessel, both visually and conceptually. The submissions were not limited by medium, but open to a wide interpretation of what a vessel can be: a hollow container?; a ship or boat?; a duct or canal?; or something else?

The exploration by this group of artists has resulted in a diverse selection of work in a variety of media. Artists represented in *Vessels* hail from as near as Midtown Harrisburg and as far as Prague, capital city of the Czech Republic. A complete viewer's guide to this exhibit is available at the Museum's website: <http://www.susquehannaartmuseum.org/galleries/vessels/>

Visit Susquehanna Art Museum to see *Vessels* in the Lobby Gallery during museum hours, Tuesday – Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm and Sunday from 12 noon to 5 pm. The Museum is located at 1401 North Third Street (Third and Calder Streets) in Midtown Harrisburg. Free parking is available for museum-goers directly behind the museum building at the intersection of Calder and James Streets.

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