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**SAAC's Second Annual U40 Exhibit  
for artists under 40!**

**STARKVILLE, MS -**

Starkville Area Arts Council is excited to announce its second annual U40 Exhibit, a juried art show for artists aged 18-40. On February 22, 2019, at 7 p.m., SAAC will host a free, public reception at Nine-twentynine Coffee Bar to kick off U40 with a month-long display of works (at 929). Following our Art in Public Places model, works may be listed for sale. SAAC will collect and pay sales taxes on behalf of the artist for any work sold, and the artist will keep 80% of the proceeds.

This year's juror is Whitney Turnipseed, Executive Director of the Greenville Arts Council. Turnipseed, who received a Bachelors of Fine Arts (emphasis in drawing) from Mississippi State University, and a Masters of Fine Arts (emphasis in painting) from The University of Mississippi, is a former teacher for Washington High School in Greenville. Turnipseed has been the Executive Director of Greenville Arts Council since June 2018.

Works submitted must be original (i.e., no craft kits). Artists may submit up to 3 pieces, with no limit on genre or medium (although space limitations may be a factor). Application details are available through the Submittable link on SAAC's homepage ([www.starkvillearts.org](http://www.starkvillearts.org)).

Submissions are due January 25, 2019.

**About SAAC**

Now commencing its third decade, the Starkville Area Arts Council sponsors the Cotton District Arts Festival, runs various outreach programs, and awards almost \$25,000 each year in grants and scholarships throughout Starkville and Oktibbeha County in its mission to build a strong, creative, connected community through the arts. The Starkville Area Arts Council (SAAC) appreciates the support of the City of Starkville and the Greater Starkville Development Partnership, Oktibbeha County, National Endowment for the Arts, Mississippi Arts Commission, Visit Mississippi, Del Rendon Foundation, 4-County Electric Foundation, and various local businesses and individuals. Additional information about SAAC can be found at [www.starkvillearts.org](http://www.starkvillearts.org).

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