

# Photographing Artwork A workshop with Larry Berman www.BermanGraphics.com 412-401-8100

- Choosing and using a camera
  - o DSLR vs. point and shoot vs. the cell phone
  - How to set your camera to get the highest quality images of your art
  - RAW, TIF or JPEG the differences and which image format to capture in
  - Using a tripod the most important accessory you'll ever purchase for your camera

# Backgrounds

- o Graduated black to white, solid black, gray or white
- When to use a white background
- What size background to use
- Where to purchase backgrounds

#### Lighting

- Different lighting products that use daylight florescent bulbs
- o Using strobes or off camera flash
- o Why never to use the on camera (built in) flash
- Using a white or gray card to get accurate color during capture
- EZ Cube tips
- o How to photograph large objects
- How to photograph 2D artwork

- How to photograph 2D artwork under glass
- How to show texture and detail
- How to eliminate reflections on shiny objects

## Working with digital images

- Getting your digital files into the computer
- Saving your original files and preparing them for processing
- Post processing every image can be improved or made more accurate
- Simple adjustments using Photoshop or Elements that don't degrade your images
- Adjusting contrast, brightness and color more accurately by not using the contrast, brightness or color adjustment tools
- o Sizing for use web site, eBay, jurying, printing
- Embedding a copyright recommended for 2D work
- 300PPI vs. 72PPI what's the real difference and when is it important
- Understanding color spaces and color profiles (RGB, sRGB, CMYK) so your images are viewed accurately no matter how they are to be used

### Emailing images

- Emailing images so they don't get reduced
- iPhoto (MAC) and Picassa (PC) are the most popular programs for sending pictures and they automatically reduce the size of emailed images
- How to send files that are too large for email

- How to photograph your display
  - o Indoor booth vs. outdoor booth pictures
  - o Tips on photographing your own booth
- If all else fails hiring a photographer
  - What to look for in a photographer
  - What to ask for and what the photographer should provide
  - Who owns the copyright to the images of your artwork when you hire a photographer

The workshop will a PowerPoint presentation containing multiple before and after example images for each issue addressed.

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