

Getting Accepted by a Jury

Every arts jury is different - with some more objective than others. It's not possible to second guess what any jury expects, but here are some things most jurors will be looking for in selecting a work:

- **Intent**
What was the artist trying to do or say?
- **Originality**
Is the work unique and innovative or is it just a derivative or copy of other works?
- **Emotion**
Does the work make you feel something?
- **Composition**
Does the work seem balanced and natural? Is there something that draws your attention. Is there something that detracts or confuses?
- **Skill**
What level of skill has the artist demonstrated?
- **Medium**
Has the artist demonstrated a good understanding of the possibilities and the limitations of the chosen medium?
- **Colour**
Has colour been used to create an emotion or effect? Are the colours harmonious?
- **Consistency**
Has the artist demonstrated a consistency in their design and techniques?

Being rejected by a jury doesn't mean your work is substandard. A piece that is rejected for one show might win an award in another. Every jury is different so don't give up if you are refused by one.