

Artist's Name:

Signature Scratchboard Artist (SSA) Score Card

Naming and Sizing of Files

Image files MUST be named and sized as follows: LastNameFirstName-ArtworkTitle-Size of unframed work in inches HxW (i.e., SmithJim-SunlightDancer-10x8.jpg). Submit all images as jpg files that are exactly **2400 pixels on the LONGER side**. Small works (5"x7" or less) may include a coin on the outer edge of the image to show scale. **Images submitted that are not named or sized correctly, or are of very poor quality, will be eliminated without consideration and the entire application will be given a score of 0.**

*** Artworks must have been created from your own reference materials, or material you have written permission to use.**

Pass _____ (Please continue onto the rest of the score card)

Fail _____ (One or more elements is not met regarding the above guidelines) – we do request jurors fill out the numerical score card portion, even if failing here, if possible. You need not offer a full critique, but do please put details on why they failed.

Overall Total, at the end, should be listed as zero.

Areas not met: _____ **file naming** _____ **file size of 2400 pixels** _____ **image quality too poor to assess**

Jurors: For MINOR title or size mistakes please deduct points in "Image Quality" section below, with notes in the written section of the mistake, but do not fail the entire portfolio in this upper section, as long as the quality of work can still be assessed. (Minor = TITLE: slight deviation from the requested format of title, but with all needed info provided. SIZING: slightly off (250 pixels more/less from requested size) or 2400 on shorter side on two or less files.)

Artist failed above, but Juror would like to allow a free resubmit next year - _____

Technical Scratching Skills – please rate between 1-30

_____ **Technical scratching skills** (Do the works show excellent line quality, clean edges, smooth value transitions, use of lost and found edges, and appear technically well scratched? If color is used, is it handled with equal skill?)

_____/30 **Total Technical Scratching Skills score**

Artistic Skills - please rate each area between 1-10

_____ **Use of Values** (Does the artist use the full range of dark and light in their work to give the art shape and form? If the work does NOT use the full range of values, does it appear intentional? If color was used, did the artist still maintain a full range of values in the work?)

_____ **Composition** (Does the artist create works with consistently strong compositions that engage the viewer?)

_____ **Originality** (Does the artist employ unique, creative, and original ideas in their artwork, not generic concepts that have been done repeatedly?)

_____ **Accuracy** (Allowing for artistic interpretation and intended stylization, does the work accurately represent the subject that the artist was trying to depict. Abstract or impressionistic works should still show accuracy in the elements of design, form and shape.)

_____ **Integrity Across All Elements** (Does the artist give full attention and maintain a similar degree of consideration to all aspects of the board, including background elements and objects outside of the main subject matter?)

_____ **Cohesive Portfolio** (Although an artist need not have a specific subject matter across the portfolio, it should be obvious that the entire body of work was created by the same artist, with consistent qualities, working toward, or having a recognizable style.)

_____ **Image Quality** (Are the images presented professionally (clear, focused, cropped without background showing, well exposed, backgrounds cleaned up)? Were all files named and sized exactly as rules specified? Is the general impression of the image quality that of a professional artist?)

_____/70_ **Total Artistic Skill score**

Consistency of quality - score 0-20

_____ (Do ALL 7 works exhibit outstanding quality worthy of a Signature Scratchboard Artist? At this level, for a passing score (16/20), at least 5 of the 7 works should be worthy of inclusion in an ISSA Annual Exhibition.)

_____/20_ **Total Consistency of Quality score**

_____/120_ OVERALL TOTAL SCORE

Juror Critique (please provide feedback to this artist on why they were scored as noted above). Please make sure that your critique matches your score card! If you do not give a passing score, there should be feedback on how the artist can improve. Applying artist will be provided with your written critique.

To be accepted for SSA an artist must achieve an average score of at least 96 out of 120 points (80%), with a minimum of two jurors scoring you over 80%.

- *Artists either scoring over 80% under two jurors but not passing overall based on the score by the third juror, or those who achieve 80% or higher overall, but only pass under one juror, shall be invited to re-jury without paying a jury fee for the following year.*
- *Artists who fail due to incorrectly sized or named files will be offered a free re-jury the following year, if at least two jurors feel that the work is of the quality required for this level but failed due to not following the naming/sizing requirements.*