



# 2021 Halifax Art Festival Judges



**Margaret Schnebly Hodge**

Born in Mississippi but raised in the Daytona Beach area from an early age, Hodge graduated from Daytona State College and then earned her BA from the School of Art and Art History, University of Florida. Her career path has been broad including graphic design, illustration and contemporary fine art. Her work has won awards and commendations from the State and other organizations in Florida and is held in significant private and public collections. Most recently her work was selected for the L. Gale Lemerand permanent collection in the new student center at Daytona State College.

Long appreciated as a large format abstract figurative and landscape painter using a dark and rich palette and with a philosophical preoccupation with concepts of physical and emotional restraint, confinement and a striving for a sense of freedom, Hodge's newest works look to the heavens and new scientific discoveries for inspiration. Her traveling exhibit "Breaking Free – Dark Energy, Dark Matter" of over 30 large paintings has traveled in recent years to 7 major venues around the state of Florida.



**Leslie Madigan**

Raised in Winter Park, Florida, educated at the School of Art Institute of Chicago and New York University, Ms. Madigan trained in Art History, Fine Arts and Collection Management. In 1980, after relocation to Colorado, she helped found the Durango Arts Center and became its founding Director. In that capacity she curated the Center's exhibition schedule, organized lectures, workshops and art festivals. After relocation to Florida in 1990, Ms. Madigan was named the Director of The Gallery on the Hudson, Chief Curator for the Township of Greenburgh Public Sculpture Project, and worked as an Independent Curator and Grant writer. Most recently she transcribed testimonies at The Museum of Jewish Heritage in NYC, and served as the Assistant to the registrar at the Bronx Museum of Art. Ms. Madigan currently lives in Ormond Beach, Florida and works as an Independent Archivist and consults for private collectors.