CALL FOR ART
City Hall Rotating Art Installation

Deadline to Apply: 5:00 PM Friday March 26th, 2010

The Bellingham Arts Commission (BAC) is seeking small sculptures to display in the lobby of City Hall located in downtown Bellingham. The BAC encourages artists to take advantage of this opportunity to show their work in this highly visible location. All accepted artwork will be on display for an eight week period. Although Whatcom County artists are encouraged to apply, all artists (accomplished or emerging) are welcome to participate in this call for art.

Limb
14"x5"x3"
By Jason Reed Brown

Treasure Site
10.5"x15.5"x16"
By Jayme Curley

To Mondrian and Lonely Friends (Part B)
13"x9.5"
By Weston Lambert

BELLINGHAM ARTS COMMISSION

City of Bellingham, City Hall
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Connecting the Community with the Arts

IMPORTANT DATES
⇒ March 26, 2010
Deadline for submittals
⇒ April 16th, 2010
Selection of artists announced
⇒ April 30th, 2010
First eight week installation
⇒ April 1st, 2011
Exhibit closes
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Purpose

The mission of the BAC is to serve as advisors and advocates for the enhancement and integration of the arts in the community. This installation is meant to provide an opportunity to a wide range of artists to display their artwork in a highly visible public venue. Entrants are limited only by imagination and all works need to be appropriate for public display.

Installation Location

City Hall has a high volume of daily pedestrian traffic. This is an excellent opportunity for artists to have their work viewed by the public. There will be three vitrines located on the first landing of the interior stairs in City Hall. Sculptures will be displayed indoors and must fit in a 22 1/2 inch cube vitrine. Artists will be selected to show their work during an eight week time period between April 30th, 2010 and April 1st, 2011 and will be informed in advance of their specific eight week timeframe.

Insurance

Although the artwork will be displayed in a locked display case, the artist is responsible for insuring their artwork while it is located on City of Bellingham property. The City will not be liable for any loss or damages to artwork.

Visibility

City staff will provide a small label identifying the artist’s name, title of artwork, medium and artist contact information if the artist desires. Inquiries regarding purchase must be made directly to the artist. The artist is responsible for making all purchase arrangements. Each sculpture will remain on display for the entire allotted eight week time period even if a sales transaction has occurred during the eight weeks.

Artist’s Responsibility

The artist will be required to deliver their artwork on a date given by City staff. Additionally, artwork must be removed by the artist on a specified date. If the artwork is not removed by the given date, City staff will remove the artwork.

Rules of Entry

- Entry is open to all artists.
- All artwork must be the artist’s original creation.
- The City of Bellingham reserves the right to refuse any work not considered acceptable for presentation or public display.
- An entry may be a single object or a set of no more than three pieces.
- Accepted works must be available to show on the assigned date and remain in the exhibition for the entire eight weeks.
- Artwork must fit into a cube vitrine of 22 1/2 inches.

Submission Requirements

☐ Current Resume
☐ Submit a maximum of 5 color digital images per sculpture. A maximum of 3 sculpture entries per artist is allowed.
☐ Include a work sample description sheet identifying the images by number, media, size (HxWxD), title, date completed, and a brief description of artwork.
⇒ Materials must be received by 5:00PM, Friday March 26th, 2010. E-mail your resume, images, and description sheet to fstarr@cob.org or send to the address below. If you choose to mail your materials the images must be on a PC compatible CD or DVD. (CD’s & DVD’s will not be returned to the artist without prior arrangements)
⇒ Only digital images will be accepted. Digital images must be in jpeg format and each size should not exceed 1240 pixels in height or 1240 pixels in width. Each file should not exceed 5MB.
⇒ Contact Fiona Starr with any questions at 360-778-8357 or fstarr@cob.org

Submit Materials by 5:00PM March 26th, 2010 to fstarr@cob.org

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