

Symbols

Overview

The Salem Art Association (SAA) seeks artists to participate in ***Symbols***, an exhibition in the Annex at the Bush Barn Art Center. Symbols are personal. Many people have personal symbols and stories that incorporate their religious, cultural and familial imagery. These things often prod memory and ideas, bringing to the surface the roots of our ancestry, or other events, times, and places in our lives. This exhibition focuses on artistic interpretations of symbols that are pertinent to family history, holidays or spiritual rituals, heritage and culture. The Annex is an inclusive forum for artists of varying backgrounds, ethnicities and creative perspectives. In particular, SAA is seeking artwork from communities such as LGBTQ+, Latino and Latina, women, young adults, and others experiencing disparity in access to arts opportunities. *The mission of the Annex is to be an experimental space for making, showing and learning about art.*

Timeline

- September 1, 2017: Proposals Due
- September 15, 2017: Selected Artists Contacted
- October 24, 2017 | 10:00 – 2:00: Delivery and begin installation of artwork
- October 25 – November 24, 2017: Exhibition Dates
- November 10, 2017: Holiday Gala (this event is fundraiser with paid entry)
- November 18, 2017 | 4-6 pm: Reception
- November 28, 2017: Pick up artwork

Additional Project Components (No Participation Required)

- Artist-in-Residence in the Annex (filled)
- Your Story - Real or Imagined: Telling Stories through Old Photos, a one-day workshop on Saturday, October 28. Learn a hands-on approach to working with materials such as family objects, and how to incorporate them into art.
- Panel discussion on October 27 focusing on personal objects, professional methods for archiving, examples of how larger organizations work with objects, and how we can utilize our personal and family imagery through art in our everyday lives.

Eligibility

- No entry fee
- Oregon artists (ages 10 and up)
- Artists are responsible for the delivery and pick-up of their art
- Entries must be original art works completed within the past three years

Selection Process

- Concept (how well does the work delve into the ideas within this exhibition)
- Workmanship (quality of the artwork)

How to Apply

The following materials must be submitted in digital format to kathleen@SalemArt.org or delivered to the Bush Barn Art Center at 600 Mission Street SE in Salem no later than September 1, 2017:

- A description of the work (one-page maximum)
- Five work sample/image files. Still images should be in JPG format, not over 5 MB, 4 inches in one direction, and 300 DPI. Please do not increase DPI from lower to higher.
- Work sample description
- Title, date, dimensions, medium, and short descriptions when relevant
- Artist statement (describes your process for making art)
- Artist résumé
- Any other supporting materials

Costs and Installation

Artists are responsible for all arrangements and costs including delivery, equipment and tools necessary to complete and install the work. A complete work is considered to be installed in place, and when appropriate, displayed with lighting and base. Artwork is covered by SAA insurance once received in the Annex.

Questions?

For additional information, contact Kathleen Dinges Rice, SAA Community Arts Education Director, at 503-581-2228 x312, or kathleen@SalemArt.org. You can also learn more about the Salem Art Association and the Annex by visiting our website at www.SalemArt.org.