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Dorchester Center for the Arts Exhibition Proposal Guide

Deadline: Ongoing

Dorchester Center for the Arts (DCA) seeks applications from artists for exhibitions at Dorchester Center for the Arts, located at 321 High Street, Cambridge, MD. The selected artists will be invited to exhibit a selection of their current work in a portion of the Gallery Space at DCA. This is an open call to artists residing within 100 miles of Dorchester County. Residents of Dorchester County are encouraged to apply. All exhibitions will be featured in DCA's print and online communications.

To have artwork considered for display, please read the following information. You will need to submit photos of your art and an artist's statement along with the other requested information.

DCA reserves the right to determine the final exhibition schedule.

On average, artists will need to submit between 20 - 50 pieces of artwork for a one-person show. (The number of pieces can vary greatly depending on size.) Submissions for a group show will be determined according to that specific show. DCA reserves the right to eliminate submissions in order to accommodate the optimal number of pieces in a group show. All media are accepted, within the display capacities of the galleries.

DCA reserves the right to decline art that cannot be conveniently or safely displayed. All two-dimensional art must be mounted/matted, framed, under glass or Plexiglas (where appropriate), and properly wired, ready to hang. Three-dimensional artwork must be prepared for standing or resting safely in its intended position.

All proposals will be reviewed by the DCA Gallery Committee.

Proposal Criteria

- A clearly articulated artist's statement of a central idea for the exhibition
- Aesthetic resonance between work in a single medium or significant dialogue presented across multiple mediums
- Professional presentation
- Suitability for the venue

Proposal Instructions

Submit your proposal to the attention of Jean Smith at Dorchester Center for the Arts, 321 High Street, Cambridge, MD 21613. If possible, please submit your proposal electronically to Jean Smith at jsmith@dorchesterarts.org as a Word or PDF document and include low-resolution jpeg photos. The files may be emailed or submitted on disk or flash drive.

The proposal should include:

- Your name and contact information including email and phone number. In the case of group exhibits, there should be one person designated to submit the proposal and act as a contact person for DCA.
- Artist's resume (for individual artist) or information about your group. Please include where you have exhibited in the past and where you studied. We welcome amateur as well as professional artists and encourage "up and coming" artists to apply.
- Photographs or digital images of representative pieces labeled with your name and the title and dimensions of the piece.
- Technical requirements for exhibition (e.g., internet connection, DVD player, etc.)
- A written proposal detailing the proposed theme and contents of the exhibition. Consider the following:
 - The title of the exhibition
 - Who will be exhibiting
 - Why this work is being brought together for the exhibition
 - The artistic, social, and/or cultural implications of the exhibition
 - What types of media will be represented
 - Other possible events in conjunction with the exhibition (artist's demonstration, gallery talk, music, etc.)

Please do not include additional materials in your application. Application materials and DVD/CDs/Flashdrives will not be returned.

Once a proposal has been accepted by the Gallery Committee no changes may be made to the content, theme, or title of the exhibition without the permission of the Gallery Committee.

Each exhibitor is expected to understand and follow gallery policies and procedures as stated in the Artist's Contract, which will be provided once the proposal has been approved. You are not required to sell your work. If you do choose to sell your work, DCA's commission is 35% of the selling price.

The Center's promotion for your gallery show includes designing, printing, and mailing announcement postcards, and multiple mentions in local and regional publications. It will also be listed on our website (www.dorchesterarts.org) and featured on our Social Media pages. Please note: while we make every effort to publish and promote your event, we are subject to the editorial decisions of each publication. The Center hosts an Opening Reception on "Second Saturday" for that month's gallery show(s).

CONTACT: Email questions to Jean Smith, jsmith@dorchesterarts.org.