

# The People's Gallery 2017 Exhibition: Open Call For Artworks

## Summary

The City of Austin Cultural Arts Division of the Economic Development Department is proud to announce its 13th annual exhibition at Austin City Hall! The People's Gallery is part of an ongoing Cultural Arts Exhibition Series to showcase local and regional artistic endeavors and to encourage public dialogue, understanding, and enjoyment of visual art. The exhibition is designed to reflect the artistic excellence and cultural diversity of Austin and to promote the City's cultural and economic initiatives. A high-visibility venue, City Hall hosts over 210,000 visitors each year. Selected artists may offer their artwork for sale; the City of Austin does not receive a commission on, or compensation from, the sale of artwork exhibited at Austin City Hall. *All sales must be conducted by the artist or representing gallery.* Selected artworks must be delivered by January 21, 2017 and remain on display for the duration of the exhibition. The 2017 People's Gallery Exhibition will run from February 24, 2017 – January 5, 2018.

**Open Call Duration:** August 25, 2016 – October 14, 2016

**Application Deadline:** 11:59 p.m., October 14, 2016

**Exhibition Dates:** February 24, 2017 – January 5, 2018

**The City of Austin seeks 2- and 3- dimensional artworks in any medium** by Austin-area visual artists or from Austin galleries or visual arts organizations. Video files must be representative of time or movement-based works. If accepted, the video must be accompanied by appropriate audio and video equipment. The in-house video screens are not available for use as part of the artwork exhibition series.

**All two-dimensional artwork selected must be framed or mounted and ready to hang. All three-dimensional artwork selected must be self-supporting or include a pedestal or stand.** *The gallery may provide pedestals as needed, but any artist provided stands used must be approved by the Cultural Arts Program Manager before delivering to City Hall.*

## Eligibility

Professional artists over 18 years of age, who live or work in the Austin area (within Bastrop, Blanco, Burnet, Caldwell, Hays, Travis, or Williamson Counties), or visual arts organizations in Austin, are eligible to apply.

*\*City of Austin Economic Development Department staff members are ineligible to apply. Other City staff members are eligible to apply, but may not offer their works for sale.*

## **Application Requirements**

Applicants must submit an artist resume (3 pages maximum) and up to FIVE artworks available for loan for the duration of the exhibition.

For each artwork entry, the following information is required:

- One image or video file
  - Include your name and the artwork title in each uploaded file's name:  
**EXAMPLES: 01-LastName\_FirstName\_Title.jpg, 02-LastName\_FirstName\_Title.jpg, 03-LastName\_FirstName\_Title.jpg, 04-LastName\_FirstName\_Title.jpg, 05-LastName\_FirstName\_Title.jpg**
- Resume (Maximum of 3 pages).
- A brief artist statement for each entry.
- Title, Medium, Year of Completion, Dimensions, Insurance value, whether the piece is available for sale, and if it is for indoor or outdoor display.

*\* If proposals of artwork are submitted for consideration, final acceptance for inclusion in the exhibition will be subject to review and approval of the completed work of art.*

Please, DO NOT send applications by e-mail or by postal mail. We are only accepting submissions through [Submittable.com](http://Submittable.com).

## **Selection Process**

All applications will be reviewed by a selection panel appointed by the Cultural Arts Division Manager. This year's selection panelists are exhibiting artist and co-curator of de stijl | PODIUM FOR ART, Christina Coleman; Exhibiting artist and designer, Dharmesh Patel; and exhibiting artist, professor and Co-Chair of the Department of Art at Austin Community College, Gary Webernck.

Applicants will be notified of acceptance, modification, or rejection of their applications by e-mail. Please add [peoplesgallery@austintexas.gov](mailto:peoplesgallery@austintexas.gov) to your list of “safe” senders so that you receive the e-mail notifications. Do not contact staff or selection panelists about the status of your application once the submission period has closed.

Selection criteria may include, but is not limited to:

- Quality or merit of the artwork
- Cultural diversity of artwork
- Local or national reputation of artist
- Inclusion in the permanent collection of an Austin-based museum

## **Exhibition Space**

No artwork will be displayed on the fourth floor or in the administrative offices located on the first, second, and third floors.

Available exterior exhibition space:

- **City Hall Plaza and/or Mezzanine** (outside) as determined on a case by case basis. Weight of artwork not to exceed 250 lbs. per square foot.

Available interior exhibition space:

- **First Floor:** Atrium lobby and limited locations in adjoining public rooms. Self-supporting sculptures must not exceed a 6' x 6' footprint and must be on a pedestal at least 12" high, to be provided by the artist, and to be painted with a white, washable paint for ease of maintenance. Weight may not exceed 200 lbs. per 18" x 18" floor tile.
- **Second Floor:** Second floor lobby and surrounding conference rooms, East and West hallway corridors.
- **Third Floor:** Third floor lobby and surrounding conference rooms, excluding the City Manager's conference room. Self-supporting sculpture footprint may not exceed 42" in depth, and must be on a pedestal at least 12" high, (provided by the artist and to be painted with a white, washable paint for ease of maintenance.)

## **Timeline** *(subject to change)*

**August 25, 2016:** Call for Artworks opens

**Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.:** Artist Information Meeting at Spicewood Springs Branch Public Library, 8637 Spicewood Springs Rd., Austin, TX, 78759. Free parking is available.

**Saturday, September 10, 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.:** Artist Information Meeting at The Cultural Arts Division office: [201 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Austin TX, 78701](#), Suite A. Convention Center parking garage may be accessed on Brazos St, between Cesar Chavez and 2<sup>nd</sup>, on the East side of the street. Parking will be validated.

**October 14, 2016, 11:59 p.m.:** Application Deadline

**November 2016:** Applications reviewed and artworks selected. Show is laid out prior to final review.

**Early to mid December 2016:** Final review takes place. Notification e-mails sent to all applicants. Loan Agreement forms and delivery information will be sent to selected artists. All selected artists must confirm receipt of acceptance and give notice of agreement to participate.

**January 20 & 21, 2017:** Artist delivery of selected works. No artworks will be accepted without a Loan Agreement form.

**February 24, 2017 (6-9 p.m.):** Opening Reception at Austin City Hall.

## **Contact Information**

If you have questions regarding this call for artworks, please call 512-974-6456, or e-mail [peoplesgallery@austintexas.gov](mailto:peoplesgallery@austintexas.gov).

For more information about this call, its timeline, and the 2017 Exhibition Guidelines, please visit: [www.austintexas.gov/peoplesgallery](http://www.austintexas.gov/peoplesgallery)

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