

The People's Gallery 2018 Exhibition: Call For Artworks

Call closes at 11:59 P.M., October 5, 2017

Summary

The City of Austin Cultural Arts Division of the Economic Development Department is proud to announce its 14th 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 20, 2018, and remain on display for the duration of the exhibition. The 2018 People's Gallery Exhibition will run from February 23, 2018 – January 1, 2019.

Open Call Duration: August 18, 2017 – October 5, 2017 (11:59 PM)

Application Deadline: 11:59 p.m., October 5, 2017. Staff will be available until 5PM to answer questions.

Exhibition Dates: February 23, 2018 – January 1, 2019

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. If accepted, each work will be accompanied by a label which lists your statement.
- 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](https://www.submittable.com).

Selection Process

All applications will be reviewed by a selection panel appointed by the Cultural Arts Division Manager. Applicants will be notified of acceptance, modification, or rejection of their applications by e-mail. Please add peoplesgallery@austintexas.gov to your list of “safe” senders so that you receive the e-mail notifications. Do not contact staff 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, and Mayoral stairwell.
- **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 18, 2017: Call for Artworks opens

September 16, 2017: Artist Information Meeting, 12:00PM, Cultural Arts Division office, 201 E 2nd Street, Austin, TX 78701. Parking is available in the Austin Convention Center parking garage at 2nd and Brazos, and will be validated.

September 23, 2017: Artist Information Meeting, 10:30AM, Spicewood Springs Branch Library, 8637 Spicewood Springs Rd, Austin, TX 78759.

October 5, 2017, 11:59 p.m.: Application Deadline. **Staff will be available until 5PM to answer questions.**

November 2017: Applications reviewed and artworks recommended. Show is laid out prior to final review.

Late November, 2017 - Early December, 2017 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 19 & 20, 2018: Artist delivery of selected works. No artworks will be accepted without a Loan Agreement form. *Loan forms to be signed upon delivery.*

February 23, 2018 (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. Add this email address to your "safe senders" list so that you will receive our emails.

For more information about this call, its timeline, and the 2018 Exhibition Guidelines, please visit: www.austintexas.gov/peoplesgallery

Ready to Apply?

For a direct link to the application, visit <https://cityofaustin.submittable.com/submit>. The site will go live at 12:01 A.M., Friday the 18th of August.