Exhibition Proposal Application

Exhibiting at BIG ARTS

Exhibitions at BIG ARTS are selected by our Visual Arts Committee. It is the mission of the Visual Arts Committee to integrate and support art in the community and foster a heightened awareness and appreciation for art by presenting a diversity of gallery exhibits from artists whose work will educate, enrich and challenge the imagination of the viewer.

Rules

No work previously exhibited in the galleries of BIG ARTS will be accepted, except for retrospectives.

The Space

Phillips Gallery: Through two sets of double glass doors, this gallery space features a multipurpose, rectangular room. The gallery is lit with directional spotlights.
Room Dimensions: 35' x 42' x 42' x 30' and 9'6" ceiling

Founders Gallery: This gallery features a flexible space that is lit with directional spotlights. Room Dimensions: 2' x 19' x 9' x 11' x 8' x 5' and 8'7" ceiling
*The jewelry cases on the east and west sides of the gallery cannot be removed.

Exhibitions

Exhibitions generally run four weeks. For the exhibit, we will need a list of titles, mediums and prices at the time the show is installed. All works must be for sale – exceptions at the discretion of the Visual Arts Committee. All works sold are subject to a percent commission: Phillips 40% / Founders 30%

Gallery Hours

BIG ARTS operates on a calendar year determined by staff, closing for holidays and other specific periods of time. We are closed Sundays except for special events. There is no admission fee to the galleries.

Phillips Gallery - open year round
Monday – Friday, 1 – 4 PM
Saturday, 9 AM– 1 PM (Oct. – Apr.)

Founders Gallery - open year round
Monday – Friday, 9 AM – 4 PM
Saturday, 9 AM – 1 PM (Jan. – Mar.)

Requirements

- Images: A minimum of 10 clear and detailed digital images must be submitted on a CD disk of the work you intend to exhibit. JPEG and Portable Document Format (PDF) files at 300 ppi resolution or higher.
- Price lists: A price list of work must be provided and correspond to image number.
- Statement: Include one or two paragraphs about the work or series submitted.
- All work must be ready to exhibit, i.e. wired for hanging, pedestals, supports, extension cords, etc. Any work failing to meet this criterion will not be shown. Shipping costs are the artist's responsibility. Insurance for any loss or damage is the sole responsibility of the artist.
- If applying as a group, a representative may be asked to present their proposal to the Committee. A Committee member will contact you if this is needed.

Make sure to include the following in your submission

- A current curriculum vitae or current resume including address, exhibitions, etc. (individuals only)
- Artist statement regarding above work not to exceed a single typed page, double spaced. (individuals only)
- If applying as a group, please give a history of the group, past exhibitions if any, mission statement if 501(c) (3), examples of past exhibit artworks submitted, etc.
- Support materials, if available, including catalogs, exhibition reviews, etc. (3 max.)
- Images on a CD disk
- A self-addressed, stamped envelope with adequate postage and packaging for return of your CD disk. (Though every effort will be made to return your materials to you, BIG ARTS cannot guarantee the return of your materials.)

Hand-deliver or send your submission to:
BIG ARTS
Visual Arts Committee
900 Dunlop Road
Sanibel, FL 33957

The Visual Arts Committee will review proposals in the winter.
Please allow up to three to four months for notification.

Individual

Name of applicant: _____

Address: _____

City: _____State: _____Zip: _____

Phone (home) _____ (cell)_____

Email:_____

Website: _____

Group

Name of applicants/group name:_____

Contact Person for group:_____

Address: _____

City: _____State: _____Zip: _____

Phone (home) _____ (cell)_____

Email:_____

Website: _____

Proposed Work

Format/Size for each piece (please provide a range): _____

Number of Pieces: _____

BIG ARTS Available Months to Exhibit (October – May):

Please indicate your available months: _____

Please indicate which year you are interested in exhibiting: _____