

Call for entries

ArtWalk: Temporary Public Art Commission

Bus shelter art

The West Hartford Art League is accepting proposals for public work that will be painted on four glass bus shelters on Farmington Ave in West Hartford Center. The four winning proposals will be on display in September as part of our seventh annual ArtWalk exhibit, running from September 9 - October 9th, 2010.

AWARDS: Selected Artists will receive a \$500 honorarium.

SPECIFICATIONS: All work entered must be an original design. Artists must present a proposal that they can realize on one of four 9' x 6' bus shelters in West Hartford on Farmington Ave. Artists are encouraged to submit an application that translates his or her studio practice and interest into a new temporary public artwork. Previous experience working in public spaces is not necessary.

Consideration will be given to work that is colorful, will be clearly read from a distance, and is acceptable for viewing by all age groups. Artists experience and resume will also be taken into consideration. Proposals must be submitted in proportion to the final size.

Artists will have three weeks to complete their painting, working on-site. Work must be executed in washable paint. All work must be finished by Sunday September 5th, 2010.

ELIGIBILITY: Open to all artists 18 years of age and older. All entries must be original and may not have been previously shown in any exhibition.

APPLICATION:

Please include the following:

Cover sheet, including your name and contact information and a current resume.

A statement of no more than 200 words describing your idea for a public work that could be realized within the parameters of our program. This statement should broadly describe the work you are interested in making and demonstrate how your practice might translate in the public sphere.

A work sample on CD. All work samples must be submitted in the following format:

Up to eight digital images saved on one CD; six images must be of your past work; and, one or two images that support your idea for a public artwork. These supporting images may be sketches, renderings, or photographs that directly relate to your preliminary idea. We will only accept JPEG file formats. All JPEGs must be sized at 250 dpi, 5" x 7". Number and title each JPEG and include a description sheet with corresponding numbers. The sheet should list your name and the titles.

Submit all your materials in a 10" x 13" envelope. Do not use staples on any application materials.

ENTRY FEE: Artists may enter up to two works for consideration. Each entry is \$25.

Make checks payable to: WHAL

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When and Where to Submit

Materials must be received at the WHAL office by 3 p.m. on Friday, July 23 , 2010 (postmarks are not acceptable). Hand deliveries will be accepted.

Or you can MAIL APPLICATION MATERIALS TO:

The West Hartford Art League
ArtWalk:Bus shelters
69 Raymond Road
West Hartford, CT 06107

If you have any questions about the program please email: director@whal.org

It is at the West Hartford Art League's sole discretion to make the final selection decision, and the West Hartford Art League is under no obligation to select from the materials submitted. Beyond formal notification, we will not enter into any correspondence regarding the decision.

OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES:

Artists will be solely responsible for the execution of their design on the glass wall of the bus shelter.

Artists whose work is chosen must sign a contract in which they agree to:

- 1.) execute the design as originally submitted
- 2) have the design finished by September 5th and
- 3) recognise that, in the interest of community priority, the town has the right to remove work that is damaged unless promptly and satisfactorily repaired by the artist.

CALENDAR July 23, 2010, 3 p.m: latest that entries can be received.
August 1st: notice sent to accepted artists.
September 9: exhibition opens.
October 9: ArtWalk exhibition closes..