

General Information about the HCAC Gallery Program

The Howard County Arts Council (HCAC) manages two galleries at the Howard County Center for the Arts with over 2100 square feet of exhibit space. The HCAC gallery program was established to:

- Enhance the public's appreciation of the visual arts.
- Provide a venue to exhibit the work of local and regional artists in a professional space.
- Provide leadership in the arts by presenting a broad spectrum of arts in all media from both emerging and established artists.

HCAC presents 10-12 exhibits per year including two-person, small and large group, juried, curated and community shows. HCAC rarely schedules solo shows.

Review of Work

The HCAC Exhibits Committee reviews all complete applications for exhibit space. Artists may submit individually or with a group. Individual artists selected for a show will be paired or grouped with other artists as determined by the committee.

Eligibility

Exhibited work must fit through a doorway measuring 54" x 80" and be able to be installed appropriately in the HCAC gallery. Artists ages 18 and older working in all media and styles are encouraged to apply, including installation artists.

Sales

HCAC manages sales, but work is not required to be for sale. A 20% commission will be retained by HCAC and an additional 6% sales tax will be charged on all sales. An insurance value must be included for all entries.

Insurance

All works are insured, less the 20% commission, against physical damage or loss by HCAC from designated drop off date through designated pick up date and time.

Gallery Hours

HCAC galleries are open Monday-Friday from 10AM-8PM, Saturday 10AM-4PM and Sunday 12-4PM. The galleries are closed for major federal holidays.



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Exhibition Application

REVIEW DEADLINES:
April 1
or
October 1

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Gallery Application Form

Please print legibly. Fill in form completely. You may attach additional sheets if necessary.

Name of Individual or Group:

Group Contact Name:

Address:

Phone (h):

Phone (w):

Phone (c):

Email address:

Send to:

Attn: Exhibit Application
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Application Checklist:

Note: applications are not accepted through email.

- 10-20 slides or a CD of 10-20 jpeg images representative of the work to be included in the exhibition. All slides must be labeled with the artist's name, a red dot in the lower left corner of the slide, and a corresponding number to the slide list. Digital entries may be JPEG only. Files must be labeled with the artist's name and corresponding image list number (e.g. JDoe_01.jpg). Files must be no larger than 1 MB. Label CD with your name. **Unless submitting film/video-based work, video or digital presentations (including PowerPoint) cannot be accepted.**
- Slide or Image List which contains: artist name(s), title, medium (be specific about mixed media), year completed, and dimensions for each piece.
- Resume(s), which lists education, exhibitions, awards, publications, etc.
- Artist statement or description of your artistic goals and recent work.
- A self-addressed stamped envelope for return of materials, if desired.
- Printed materials of previous exhibitions, reviews, publications, or other supportive visual information (optional).

For Individual Curators:

In addition to the above, include a brief description of the proposed exhibit and identify the artists invited to participate. Provide information describing your curatorial experience, organizational skills and samples of written materials used to organize a previous show (letters, marketing, etc.).

For Organizations:

In addition to materials listed for individual curators, provide your mission statement and describe your programs and services that meet that statement.

Include a brief description of the proposed exhibit and state how it furthers your mission and goals.

General Exhibition Policy

Work submitted must have been completed in the past two years. Work previously shown in the Howard County Center for the Arts galleries cannot be exhibited again with the exception of retrospective, anniversary or benefit shows.

All work must be received ready for installation with proper hanging devices and instructions where necessary. HCAC will not be responsible for any damage to unframed or otherwise unstable works.

Shipping and/or transportation for delivery or pick up of the work is the responsibility of the artist(s). HCAC does not provide funding for shipping costs.

All work must remain in the gallery for the duration of the exhibit. Work must be dropped off and picked up on the designated dates. HCAC has no space for storage of artwork.

HCAC reserves the right of final review of exhibited works.

PROMOTION

HCAC distributes postcards to our mailing list for each exhibit. A limited number of additional postcards are provided to exhibiting artists to send out to their own mailing lists. Press releases for the exhibit are sent to local and regional media. HCAC hosts a reception, which is open to the public and includes appetizers, beverages, and music.

Deadline for submitting materials:

**April 1
or
October 1**