

Operation Monarch: Addressing Substance Abuse, Recovery, and the Role of Art

An open-call to artists residing/working in Ohio

Introduction

In the Spring of 2019, the Columbus Cultural Arts Center (CAC) will host a major exhibition focused on the substance abuse crisis now gripping Ohio (and much of the nation). The goals for this exhibition, ***Operation Monarch: Addressing Substance Abuse, Recovery, and the Role of Art***, are several-fold:

- To educate and challenge the Greater Columbus community about their perceptions of Substance Use Disorders and those who have endured its deadly grasp; and
- To show that recovery is possible and how art can have an important role in the process.

It's a rare day when you can pick up a newspaper without some reference to the social and economic fallout from substance abuse. Addiction is a multi-faceted problem that affects not only the individual but also families, friends, employers, and society as a whole. There is hardly a person in Ohio who has not been touched by this crisis. Operation Monarch will allow us to see how some individuals have overcome their addiction partially through making art. Indeed, the title of the exhibition was chosen to reflect that addiction and recovery are parts of a journey of transformation. We hope that art will help us understand the stories of those most affected by the crisis.

The Exhibition

The gallery exhibition will be anchored by 4 – 5 larger works from invited artists; these will be surrounded by works created in response to an open call. In issuing an open-call we hope to get responses from artists working in a wide range of media that reflect all facets of the addiction crisis, from the experience of users and those in recovery, to the impact of abuse on family, friends, and community. Selection from the open call will be done by 2 - 3 jurors with backgrounds in public health, social work, and art.

Jurors for this exhibition

Mary Gray is the director of the Ohio Arts Council's Riffe Gallery in Columbus. In this role she has organized over 130 exhibitions. In her personal life, Mary is a member of the City of Columbus Art Commission. She has direct experience with the impacts of substance abuse on families.

Juror #2 TBD

Juror #3 TBD

Eligibility:

- The exhibition is open to artists working or residing in Ohio, age 18 and over;
- Works submitted for consideration may be 2-dimensional, 3-dimensional, video, or a combination;
- Artists may enter only their original, untutored work - NO REPRODUCTIONS OF ORIGINAL WORK;
- Artists may enter up to two (2) pieces.
- All artwork selected for the exhibition must remain as part of the exhibit for the duration of the show.

Artwork Condition and Size Limitations:

- Hanging work must be wired and ready to install (saw-tooth hangers and clip frames will not be accepted.)
- Hanging work may not exceed 6'x 6' or 100 lbs.
- Artists considering installation pieces need to be aware of the limited space available in the Cultural Arts Center's main gallery (a visit to the gallery is highly recommended). The artist or persons working for the artist must set up the installation, in a location selected by the curators.
- There are 16 15-foot high cast iron columns in the Main Gallery (see http://www.culturalartscenteronline.org/gallery_floor_plan). Artists may propose installations utilizing one or more of these columns.
- Artists proposing video or computer-based artworks may be required to provide the necessary equipment for display.
- Works that can be smudged easily should be covered by glass or Plexiglas
- CAC staff and the curator will have the final decision regarding proper artwork condition and location of each piece, as well as appropriateness for a family-friendly space.
- Perishable items, artworks with hazardous components or work that creates a potential hazard, will not be accepted.
- Extra precautions should be taken with delicate and large pieces.

Image Submission:

- All entries will be judged from digital images submitted through an on-line form. (see below for the link).
- Image size requirements: 1800 pixels on the longest side at 72 DPI, JPEG format only – save at the highest quality setting.

- One detail image of each piece is allowed, if necessary, to show an important feature
- Each image should be labeled with the artist's first initial, last name and the number of the entry (e.g., JSMITH01.jpg, or JSMITH01-detail.jpg)
- You can upload images [here](#).
- Required information includes: - artist's name, address, and contact information (phone, e-mail) - the title of the artwork (matched to the image number) - the medium (or media) used - dimensions - the price of the artwork, or NFS
- The curators reserve the right to refuse entry of materials not prepared to these specifications.
- Upon delivery, if an accepted artwork is found to have been misrepresented it may be disqualified.
- Submission of an entry shall constitute agreement on the part of the artist or artist's representative that said images may be used without restriction by the Cultural Arts Center and the Columbus Recreation and Parks Department for the purpose of promoting the exhibition (e.g., press releases, posters, social media promotion, grant requests and reports).

Audio or Video Submission:

- All entries should be submitted in an audio or video format (links to on-line services, e.g., You Tube, are appropriate), clearly labeled with your name and contact information and any special instructions for viewing.
- Submissions requiring extensive set up, audio or video equipment are the responsibility of the artist and representatives.

Policies:

- Insurance – The Cultural Arts Center maintains an insurance policy for its exhibitions; however, its value of the policy is capped and does not cover transport of art to/from the gallery. Artists are encouraged to seek their own insurance as well.
- Sales – The Cultural Arts Center will charge a 30% commission on art sales, and work should be priced accordingly. Work not for sale should be marked NFS with the insured value indicated on the entry form.
- The jury process is a closed and confidential process.

Important Dates:

- Call for Art issued - November 1, 2018
- Entry Deadline - February 13, 2019
- Acceptance notices to artists - March 8, 2019
- Art drop-off - March 25-26, 2019

- Exhibition installation - March 27- 30, 2019
- Opening Reception - April 5, 2019

Questions?

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