

CALL FOR ARTISTS' PROPOSALS + GUIDELINES

Exhibition Title

Extra-Ordinary Renfrew County

EXHIBITION DESCRIPTION

CURATORIAL CONCEPT

Ordinary objects often have a larger meaning beyond their intended use. Through the creative expression of Renfrew County artists, this exhibition will remind us that the extraordinary can be found in our day to day lives.

Artists are asked to choose an object that represents a story connected to their experience of living in Renfrew County. For example, one could choose a tea cup, an abandoned piece of farm equipment, an ornament, a piece of furniture, a toy, a hockey puck, etc. The artists will then create a piece of art inspired by the chosen object and the story it represents. The object itself can be incorporated into the piece, represented in the piece, referenced, or simply be the point of inspiration.

EXHIBITION PRESENTATION

Pop Up Art Renfrew County will include free-standing wall panels for exhibiting wall-mounted work, cases for exhibiting sculptural work, as well as lighting and interpretative information. Pop Up Art Renfrew County will pop up at venues such as municipal facilities, museums and private businesses.

Each art piece will be exhibited together with a photograph of the object and will feature the artist's name, the title of the piece, the materials used to construct the piece, and a short statement written by the artist. The exhibit will also include mechanisms to gather feedback from the participants.

Project Background

The Ottawa Valley Creative Arts Open Studio (OV-CAOS) is a not-for-profit community arts organization founded in 2011. Its mandate is to promote the integration of visual arts, music, drama and other creative arts into the lives of individuals, families and communities in the Upper Ottawa Valley. We work in partnership with local cultural and service organizations to bring people together to explore their stories, images and creative possibilities.

OV-CAOS, in partnership with the Community Resource Centre – Killaloe, has received a one-year seed grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation to create travelling Pop Up Art exhibitions and community art workshops for Renfrew County.

Pop Up Art Renfrew County includes free-standing wall panels for exhibiting artwork, cases for exhibiting sculptural work, lighting and tables for programming. Pop Up Art will travel to public venues throughout the county over a six-month period beginning in April 2019. Pop Up Art Renfrew County also has a website and social media presence so people can follow it around the county and participate online.

Extra-Ordinary Renfrew County is a curated exhibition exploring how the extraordinary can be found in ordinary everyday lives in Renfrew County. The exhibition will pop up at venues such as municipal facilities, museums and private businesses. In conjunction with the exhibition, the public will also be invited to participate in community art workshops as the exhibit tours through Renfrew County.

Project Goals

We believe that by creating a mobile art space, we will provide access to meaningful artistic experiences for up to 5,000 people. The art space itself will act as a way to assess the impact and viability of bringing mobile art experiences to people living in rural communities. This project will help us learn whether a mobile art exhibition made by and for rural residents engages and inspires rural people. Your participation as an artist will help us understand how people engage with art, what their experience was like, and how they were impacted by their participation.

Throughout this project we may ask you for feedback. Responding is voluntary and declining to participate in the evaluation will be without consequence.

Artist Submission Criteria

ARTIST CRITERIA

- Must currently live in Renfrew County

TECHNICAL CRITERIA

- Maximum size: wall-mounted 36" (width) x 46" (length), sculptural work (to be determined)
- Maximum weight (to be determined)
- All forms of visual art and fine craft are encouraged (i.e. textiles, painting, photography, video, assemblage, sculpture, printmaking, mixed media, glass, ceramic, etc.)
- Original artwork only
- No use of copyrighted material
- The piece must be created specifically for this exhibition

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- Pop Up Art will be exhibited in venues with high traffic and may have minimal supervision
- Artwork may be touched by the public
- Each piece will be secured to wall panels or display boxes
- We will work with artists to make sure artwork is secure during the exhibition and during transportation
- Pop Up Art will be moved to a new location six times over a six-month period. This will include dismantling and reinstalling each piece
- One of the intentions of this project is to support residents of Renfrew County in having meaningful encounters with art in their day-to-day lives. When preparing your proposal, consider creating a piece that is accessible and engaging to the general public in Renfrew County, including people of all ages, abilities, genders, cultures and communities.
- Artists at all stages of their careers are encouraged to apply (senior, mid-career and emerging artists)

Submission Deadline

Email applications to anya@ov-caos.org on or before midnight on December 10, 2018 in one PDF document with the subject line: Pop Up Art Renfrew County Artist Proposal – [Your Name]

Compensation

Each selected artist will receive a maximum of \$1,000 to subsidize the cost of materials and time in the creation of the selected artwork. The amount awarded to each artist will be determined by the projected materials and time expense statement in his or her application. This subsidy will also be determined by the number of participating artists (maximum of ten). Compensation will be payable upon completion of the piece in early March 2019. Art pieces will remain the property of the artists throughout the project, and will be returned to the artists at the completion of the project in October 2019.

Timeline

- December 10, 2018 Deadline for artist proposal
- December 11–14, 2018..... Jury processes
- December 21, 2018 Notifications and contracts sent to selected artists
- February 4–8, 2019 Check in with artists (studio visits?)
- March 4, 2019 Artwork completion deadline
- March 4–6, 2019 Artwork delivery/pick up
- March 29, 2019 Unveiling event

The dates for the remaining five pop up events and programming will be confirmed in January 2019.

Contact Details

ANYA GANSTERER
anya@ov-caos.org
Phone conversations can be arranged by email.
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CALL FOR ARTIST'S PROPOSALS APPLICATION

Exhibition Title: **Extra-Ordinary Renfrew County**

Artist's name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Address (must live in Renfrew County): _____

I agree to allow OV-CAOS and the CRC to use the content of this form to help evaluate the success of the Pop Up Art Renfrew County project: Y // N

Working Title (this can be changed throughout the creation process):

Approximate size: _____

Approximate weight: _____

Medium: _____

Technical requirements: _____

Estimated materials cost: _____

Estimated production cost: _____

Object: _____

Include a high resolution photograph of the object.

Artpiece: _____

Include a high resolution photo file of a sketch of the final art piece. This is a concept sketch. The final piece may vary from the original concept sketch.

Written Description (300 words max.)

Why did you choose the object?

What story does the object tell?

In what way does the object relate to your experience of ordinary and/or extraordinary life in Renfrew County?

How do you plan to incorporate the object into the final piece?

What story does the final piece tell and how might others relate to this story?

Supporting Documents

- Three examples of past work
- Artist's biography (300 words max.)
- Artist's resume

Submission Deadline

Email applications, high resolution images and documents to anya@ov-caos.org, on or before midnight December 10, 2018.

Use the subject line: Pop Up Art Artist Proposal – [Your Name]

Checklist

- Application form
- Photograph of the object (high resolution)
- Written description (300 words)
- Art piece concept photo of sketch (high resolution)
- Three examples of past work
- Artist's biography
- Artist's resume

CALL FOR ARTIST-FACILITATORS APPLICATION

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Pop Up Art Renfrew County includes community engaged art programming. The nature of this programming will be developed in consultation with the selected artist-facilitators. It may be a series of public art workshops and/or an ongoing public engagement piece that travels along with the exhibition. The intention of the community engaged art programming is to support the public in engaging further with the Extra-ordinary Renfrew County exhibition.

Artist-facilitator Position Description

This is a one-time position with the potential to lead to other OV-CAOS positions in the future. OV-CAOS will hire two artist-facilitators for this project. Each artist-facilitator will be compensated for 26 hours of work at \$45/hr between January 2019 and September 2019, totalling \$1,170 per artist-facilitator.

The artist-facilitators will work with the curator/project coordinator to design, facilitate and evaluate the community engaged art programming for Pop Up Art Renfrew County between January 2019 and September 2019. The intention of this work is to further engage with the general public in creating art in conjunction with the exhibition. The facilitators will be required to travel to various locations within Renfrew County. Some travel expenses will be covered.

Qualifications

- Ability to travel to different locations across Renfrew County
- OPP vulnerable sector check
- Strong group facilitation skills
- Ability to work as part of a team and independently
- Experience in community arts facilitation
- An educational, practice, and/or work background in the arts
- An understanding of the ways that the arts can be used to contribute to personal, social and community health
- Strong communication skills
- Resident of Renfrew County

Artist-facilitator name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Address (must be a resident of Renfrew County): _____

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Submission Deadline

Email applications, high resolution images and documents to anya@ov-caos.org, on or before midnight December 10, 2018.

Use the subject line: Pop Up Art Artist-Facilitator Proposal – [Your Name]

Checklist

PLEASE INCLUDE:

- Cover letter
- Application form
- Resume