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Norman Arts Council Featured Individual Artists Awards 2011-2012

Mission: The Norman Arts Council will feature six individual artists during the fiscal year of July 2011 through June 2012. These artists will submit proposals according to the guidelines listed below for review by an independent curator or panel of arts professionals from around the state of Oklahoma. One of the featured artists will be presented as an outstanding Norman student who is a senior in high school. The works exhibited during this initial year shall represent the following mediums: crafts, design, media arts, photography, and other visual arts. In future years, other mediums will be featured.

Eligibility: All artists must:

- Have resided in Norman, OK for one year
- Submit an exhibit proposal
- Submit a digital archive of previous work done by the artist
- Attest that the submitted concepts, proposals and works of art are executed solely by the artist
- Be over the age of eighteen, except if applying for the exhibit for the high school student show.

Works for the exhibit may be executed in any medium or combination of mediums which conforms to the guidelines. Works must be suitable for viewing by all age groups.

At least thirty percent (30%) of the works in the exhibit must be for sale. All sales, including prints, cds, videos, books, catalogues provided by the artists are subject to a 30% commission to the Norman Arts Council.

The independent selection panel will evaluate the proposals based on the criteria listed below

- Clarity, originality, and depth of the proposal
- Quality and originality of the work, based upon the examples provided
- Impact upon the development of the artist
- Impact upon the quality of life in Norman
- Feasibility of project completion.

Proposal guidelines:

- Complete application form
- Approximately 6 - 8 proposed pieces (digital images of existing works or sketches of proposed works with narrative descriptions)
- Digital images of previous work - up to 15 works
- Personal and professional resume - one page

Selected artists will receive a \$600 honorarium for their project. This will be paid at the conclusion of the exhibit.

The scheduling and installation of the exhibits will be under the supervision of the Norman Arts Council's Executive Director.

Deadline for the proposals:

- Norman student show (Featuring a local senior in high school)
 - December 16, 2011 for exhibition in the spring of 2012
- For the five general artists - September 2, 2011 with exhibitions beginning October 7, 2011 and rotating through May 25, 2012.

All applications must be received at the NAC Office by 5:00 p.m. of the deadline date.

The Norman Arts Council reserves the right to cancel any exhibit or awards based on a lack of qualified proposals. In addition, the NAC shall retain overall artistic control of the exhibitions to insure the quality and appropriateness of the public exhibits.

For additional information, contact NAC Executive Director, Erinn Gavaghan - 405-360-1162.