



CULTURAL ARTS PROGRAM EXHIBITION SERIES

Call for Artwork 2007

Austin boasts a diversity of voices and richness of talents! And by design, Austin City Hall provides the perfect forum for communities to be part of their government, politicians to openly serve its constituents, and citizens to let their voices be heard. The City of Austin Economic Growth & Redevelopment Services Office Cultural Arts Division is proud to announce its third annual artwork exhibition as part of the Cultural Arts Program Exhibition Series.

The City of Austin seeks 2 and 3-dimensional, installation and digitally-created artworks by Austin-area visual artists or arts organizations for the 2007 Austin City Hall Exhibition. This exhibition is part of its ongoing exhibition program series at Austin City Hall to showcase regional artistic endeavors and to encourage public dialogue, understanding and enjoyment of visual art. The Program's goal is to present a series of exhibitions that reflect the artistic excellence and cultural diversity of Austin and promote the City's cultural and economic initiatives.

WHY APPLY?

In addition to having your work on exhibition for one year, *the City of Austin shall purchase one work of art for the Austin City Hall & Public Plaza permanent artwork collection.* Eligible artworks to be considered for permanent collection must be selected as part of the annual City Hall Exhibition Series Program.

The artwork that receives the most votes shall be purchased for permanent display in City Hall. Artwork shall be purchased for the sales amount listed by the artist as part of loan agreement process upon installation. Announcement of the winner shall take place at the opening reception.

The 2007 City Hall Artwork Exhibition is scheduled from February 2007 – February 2008.

POLICY

The City of Austin respects freedom of expression in visual art. However, the Austin City Hall does not function as a gallery or museum in its ability to exhibit any and all content within its business setting. Therefore, the City reserves the right to remove or relocate artwork at its sole discretion. Display of artwork in Austin City Hall does not create a public forum.



NEW THIS YEAR: SUBMITTING ONLINE (AFTER DECEMBER 1, 2006)

The City of Austin is launching a new online application system for this exhibition. All artists who are submitting digital images are now required to submit their application online at www.cityofaustin.org/aipp/apply. Instructions are available at this web location for submitting your images and written materials. An information meeting will be held to demonstrate and explain the new online system at **10:00 a.m., Saturday, December 2, 2006 in City Hall Council Chambers at 301 West Second Street, Austin, TX 78701**. All artists are invited to attend and there will be free parking in the City Hall garage. The online system will be ready for use on December 1, 2006. All applications must be received by January 5, 2007.

ELIGIBILITY and SELECTION

Visual Artists who live or work in the Austin area are invited to submit no more than five (5) images of artworks available for loan for duration of one year beginning February 2006. Interested artists or arts organization must submit the following items on or before **Friday, January 5, 2007**:

- ❧ Artist resume/vita (with contact information and email address)
- ❧ Images of available artworks (digital submitted online or slides) – *up to 5 images*
- ❧ Corresponding artwork list (artist name, title, date, medium, size, frame size) with description of how work is to be hung or installed
- ❧ Self-addressed, stamped envelope (SASE) for the return of slides only*

** See requirements for slide applications below. If an SASE is not provided, the slides will not be returned or retained by the City. Artists must indicate whether they intend to pick up their slides in person.*

The Cultural Arts Program Manager may appoint a selection panel, which may include City staff and community representatives, to assist in evaluation of submissions, and shall send written notice of acceptance, modification, or rejection of the submission.

Selection criteria may include:

- ❧ Ownership by a museum located in Austin as part of its permanent collection
- ❧ Local or national reputation of the artist
- ❧ Cultural diversity of artwork to be included in the exhibition
- ❧ Quality or merit of the artwork



INSTRUCTIONS FOR SLIDES:

DIGITAL APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED ONLINE. Artists who are unable to use the online system, may submit slides as noted below with paper copies of their Resume/vita (with contact information and email) and corresponding artwork list.

Instructions for slides:

Slides may be submitted in accordance with the guidelines below.

1. Enclose 1 - 5 slides of up to 5 works currently available for loan to the City of Austin, clearly labeled as indicated below and numbered in the order of desired presentation. Do not send original slides.
2. All slides must be 35mm 2" x 2" and enclosed in a clear plastic slide sheet.
3. Slides must be accompanied by a hard copy numbered list including slide #, artist name, title of work, date of completion, media, dimensions (include frame size) and how work is prepared for installation.

Artist Title	Slide #
Media	Date

FRONT

Dimension (height x width x depth)

BACK

EXHIBITION OPPORTUNITIES and LIMITATIONS

Placement of the artworks are at the sole discretion of the Cultural Arts Division staff and will be limited to the following areas:

First Floor – atrium lobby and limited locations in adjoining public rooms

Second Floor – the atrium lobby, surrounding conference rooms, and east-west hallway corridors.

Third Floor – the atrium lobby and surrounding conference rooms, excluding the city manager’s conference room.





Art displayed in these areas shall be appropriate to an office setting and for viewing by public officials, City employees, and citizens transacting business in the building. No art will be displayed on the fourth floor or in the administrative offices located on the first, second, or third floors.

All two-dimensional artwork submitted must be framed or mounted and ready to hang. All three-dimensional artwork submitted must be self supporting or include a stand. Art presented in an electronic media must be accompanied by appropriate audio and video equipment. The in-house video screens are not available for use as part of the artwork exhibition series; however, for more information on the Faces of Austin Multimedia Program, contact 974-7860. Artworks accepted are subject to inspection and may be withheld from the exhibition at staff discretion.

SALES

Artwork on display at Austin City Hall may be for sale by the organization or artist loaning the material provided that any artwork sold remains on display until the conclusion of the exhibition. However, earlier removal may be approved by the Cultural Arts Program Manager with prior written consent. The organization or artist lending artwork for an exhibition in Austin City Hall must provide a suitable replacement, subject to the Program Manager's approval, for artwork removed from an exhibition before its conclusion.

The artist or arts organization is responsible for all aspects of a sale transaction artwork on display at Austin City Hall. The City shall provide contact information and labels for artworks. The City of Austin does not receive a commission on or compensation from the sale of artwork exhibited at Austin City Hall.

TERMS OF LOAN and LOAN AGREEMENT

Prior to being selected, please refer to the Cultural Arts Division website for details on the Guidelines for Austin City Hall Exhibition Series: www.CityofAustin.org/aipp/cityhall.htm. Selected Artists will be asked to sign an agreement of loan and all its conditions listed therein.

DELIVERY OF SUBMISSIONS:

All artists are encouraged to submit entries via the online system at www.cityofaustin.org/aipp/apply.

Please deliver "hard copy" submissions (resume/vita, slides of available artworks, artwork list, & SASE) to the following location:



Austin City Hall
Attn: 2007 Exhibition
301 West Second Street, Suite 2030
Austin, TX 78701

For questions about the exhibition program series or details of submission, please call 974-9313 or email to aipp@ci.austin.tx.

SCHEDULE (Subject to Change)

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| December 2, 2006 | Public meeting to demonstrate and explain the City's new online application system; 10 a.m. in City Hall Council Chambers at 301 West Second Street. Free parking in City Hall garage beneath building. |
| FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 2007 | Deadline for submissions to be considered for the 2007 Austin City Hall Exhibition |
| January 2007 | Submissions reviewed, artworks selected, and notification sent. Loan Agreement forms and delivery information will be mailed to the selected artists. |
| Thursday, February 1, 2007 | Loan Agreements due from artists selected for exhibition. |
| February 9 & 10, 2007 | Delivery of selected artworks |
| February 23, 2007 | Artist Reception at Austin City Hall |
| Exhibition Dates | February 23, 2007 – January 31, 2008 |

Austin City Hall Hours of Operation:

Austin City Hall is open to the public Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
The first floor atrium lobby is also open to the public during City Council meetings.

