



## CULTURAL ARTS PROGRAM EXHIBITION SERIES *People's Gallery Call for Artwork 2009*

Austin boasts a diversity of voices and richness of talents! By design, Austin City Hall provides the perfect locale for communities to be part of their government, politicians to openly serve their constituents, and citizens to let their voices be heard. It is fitting that this building, designed by renowned architect Antone Predock, be a place to highlight the artwork of Austin artists. The City of Austin Economic Growth & Redevelopment Services Office Cultural Arts Division is proud to announce its annual artwork exhibition as part of the Cultural Arts Program Exhibition Series.

**The City of Austin seeks 2 and 3-dimensional artworks in any medium by Austin-area visual artists or from Austin galleries or visual arts organizations for the 2009 Austin City Hall Exhibition which runs from Feb. 20, 2009 – Jan. 29, 2010.** 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. More than 100 works are selected for display each year.

### **TEMPORARY INSTALLATION HONORARIA - *NEW THIS YEAR!***

**Artists who do site-specific installations, or are interested in creating a new work specifically for the City Hall exhibition may submit an idea for a work to be included in the following year's exhibition. One or two artists will be selected during this year's selection process, to receive an honorarium of \$1,000 for *the following year's* 2010 exhibition. The selected artist(s) will retain ownership of the work after the exhibition. It is desired that this work be unique and particularly responsive to the City Hall architectural, social, and situational context.**

### **THE PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD**

***Each year the City of Austin purchases one work of art from the annual exhibition to keep for the Austin City Hall & Public Plaza permanent artwork collection.*** All public visitors to City Hall, as well as city staff, are invited to vote for their favorite artworks in the exhibition. The artworks that receive the most votes are considered for purchase for permanent display in City Hall. The selected artwork shall be purchased for the sales amount listed by the artist on their loan agreement with the City. Announcement of the winner shall take place at the opening reception.

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## **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.

## **SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS – DEADLINE JANUARY 5, 2009**

The City of Austin now uses **ASAPP!**, an online application system for Art in Public Places, for this exhibition. All artists are required to submit their application online at [www.cityofaustin.org/aipp/apply](http://www.cityofaustin.org/aipp/apply). Instructions are available at this web location for submitting your images and written materials. The information that is required online includes an artist resume, images of available artworks, corresponding artwork information (artist name, title, date, medium size, frame size, value) and description of how work is to be hung or installed. **For those who are applying for the 2010 temporary installation honoraria, please include with your resume a description of your proposed installation – including concept, materials, preferred location, and installation method. Any supportive images may be included as part of your 5 images to be submitted.**

## **ARTIST INFORMATION MEETING – DECEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008**

An information meeting will be held to demonstrate and explain the online system at **6:30 p.m., Wednesday, December 3, 2008 in the Room 1029 at City Hall, 301 West Second Street, Austin, TX 78701**. All artists are invited to attend. Parking tickets for the City Hall parking garage will be validated, so there will be no charge for the artist.

## **ELIGIBILITY and SELECTION**

Visual Artists who live or work in the Austin area or visual arts organizations in Austin are invited to submit no more than five (5) images of artworks available for loan for the duration of one year beginning February 2009. Interested artists or arts organizations must submit online by midnight **Monday, January 5, 2009**.

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:

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

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## EXHIBITION OPPORTUNITIES and LIMITATIONS

Placement of the artworks is 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.** Any stands used must be approved by the Cultural Arts Program Manager before delivering to City Hall. 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

Please refer to the Cultural Arts Division website for details on the Guidelines for the Austin City Hall Exhibition Series: [www.CityofAustin.org/aipp/cityhall.htm](http://www.CityofAustin.org/aipp/cityhall.htm). Selected Artists will be asked to sign an agreement of loan with all its conditions listed therein.

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**2009 EXHIBITION ADVISORS/JURORS**

- Michael Ray Charles, Associate Professor of Art, University of Texas at Austin who has exhibited internationally; MFA University of Houston
- Candace Briceño, exhibiting artist who teaches at AISD; received an MFA from The School of the Art Institute of Chicago
- Sydney Yeager, exhibiting artist who teaches at AMOA-Laguna Gloria Art School; received an MFA from the University of Texas at Austin

**SCHEDULE (Subject to Change)**

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**MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2009** Deadline for submissions to be considered for the 2009 Austin City Hall Exhibition and honorarium proposals for the 2010 Austin City Hall Exhibition.

January 2009 Submissions reviewed, artworks selected, and notification sent  
Loan Agreement forms and delivery information will be mailed to the selected artists.

Thursday, February 2, 2009 Loan Agreements due from artists selected for exhibition.

February 6 & 7, 2009 Delivery of selected artworks

February 20, 2009 Artist Reception at Austin City Hall

**Exhibition Dates February 20, 2009 – January 29, 2010**

**Austin City Hall Hours of Operation:**

The 2009 City Hall Artwork Exhibition is open to the public during normal hours of operation: 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.

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