



CALL FOR STUDENT ART

Spectra Venue Management, operators of the MassMutual Center, in coordination with the Massachusetts Convention Center Authority (MCCA), seeks large scale 2D artwork from artists (minimum size 36"x48'), artisans and/or designers to develop interior public artwork(s) concepts for long term display within the downtown Convention Center. The eight (8) month display will highlight local artists. There are a variety of spaces

within the Center where the art could be displayed with an initial focus on a large pre-function space located near the exhibition hall.

Standing in the heart of the Pioneer Valley, the MassMutual Center is the most diverse function space in Western Massachusetts. Boasting 100,000 square feet of flexible space, the MassMutual Center is the perfect back drop for any event.

BUDGET: Currently, there is no stipend for the selected artists for the artwork that will be placed on consignment. The MMC will not seek commission on any artwork sold.

ELIGIBILITY: Artists, artisans, and/or designers must be at least 13 years old this show. Applicants must also be residents or students of Western Massachusetts; priority will be given to artists and/or designers within the Pioneer Valley. This exhibition is open to all high school & college, graduate school students.

HOW TO APPLY

Please submit the following:

- Résumé or history with contact information included
- Artist statement (150-225 words)
- 4-10 images of current work (images saved as JPEGs, no larger than 3MB and saved to CD, readable by both Mac & PC formats). Jurying will be done by digital images only.
- Artists with multiple pieces of art themed alike will be given higher consideration
- Image list with title, media, year, size etc. for each image on disc
- A description or additional documentation of the proposed work(s) for exhibition.
- Please list an e-mail address where you can be contacted or include a self-addressed stamped envelope for notification purposes. Submitted materials will not be returned.
- There is no entry fee for this student competition, we are in search of a sponsor.

Other details:

- 2D artwork (paintings, framed photographs, mixed media, etc.) must come mountable and hang ready.
- All artwork will need to withstand exposure to sunlight over the up to 1-year period.
- Artists are responsible for the delivery and return of work, including all costs.

Important dates:

- o **January 25, 2017** Deadline for entry (postmark)
- o **January 27, 2017** Jurying of entries, notification sent
- o **February 7, 2017** Deadline for delivery of work
- o **February 8-9, 2017** Installation of artwork
- o **February 14, 2017** Display open to the public
- o **TBD** Artist Reception
- o **June 26 2017** End of display period
- o **June 28 2017** Pick-up of work begins

Mail or deliver entry materials to the address below