

Art in City Hall

Call to Artists

July 20, 2009 – January 8, 2010

“Our Town”

The Art League in partnership with the City of Alexandria, in conjunction with the Mayor’s initiative to promote the arts citywide in Alexandria, are coordinating a rotating fine art exhibit. This exhibit will enhance the environment of Alexandria’s City Hall and promote the talent of local artists. The exhibit will be juried by an outside, independent expert in the arts, and will hang for seven months on the second floor and possibly fourth floor of the Alexandria City Hall. Members of The Art League, Del Ray Artisans, and the Torpedo Factory Artists’ Association are invited to participate. Former members of Springwater Fiber Guild are also eligible to participate.

- Receiving:** Saturday, July 18, 2009, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm at Alexandria City Hall, 2nd floor
(Please use the Cameron St. entrance at the 300 block of Cameron)
- Theme:** “Our Town” – Work for this exhibit will feature images of Alexandria or works about Alexandria, the diverse population that makes up our city, the varied daily activities of the city, and the historical events that define what Alexandria is today.
- Work not selected:** Must be picked up Sunday, July 19, 2009, Noon -- 4:00 pm
(Artists may call 703-683-1780, Noon - 4:00 pm on Sunday, to determine if they need to pick up work. Work not picked up will be delivered to The Art League Gallery at 4:00 pm, and a \$5 per day per piece storage fee will be charged.)
- Reception:** Tuesday, September 22, 2009; 5:30 – 7:00pm, Room 2000 (tentative)
- Exhibition Dates:** July 20, 2009 – January 8, 2010
- Exhibition Hours:** 8:00 am – 5:00 pm, Monday - Friday
- End of Show Pick Up:** Saturday, January 9, 2010, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm (Work not picked up will be delivered to The Art League Gallery at 2:00 pm, and a \$5 per day per piece storage fee will be charged.)
- Eligibility:** Open to members of the above listed organizations. Non-members may join the above listed organizations, with the exception of The Torpedo Factory Artists. Contact information is listed below.
- Entry Fee:** \$3.00 per piece, up to three pieces of original work.
- Juror:** The jurying process will be based upon originality, quality, execution of subject matter and amount of exhibition space. **Juror – Chris Haggerty, Professor of Art and Art Therapy at Marymount University**
- Submitting Work:** All work must be ready for display, securely framed with screw eyes and wires firmly attached. No taped or clip style frames are allowed. Works on paper should have a protective covering of glass or Plexiglas. Work will be eliminated if poorly prepared or wet. All work must be original; no giclee' reproductions will be accepted. Works cannot have been juried into previous Bi-Annual Art in City Hall Juried Exhibitions or previous exhibits at The Art League Gallery. This exhibit will apply as one show towards Bin Gallery membership at The Art League for the exhibit year 2009-2010.

3-D artists are asked to contact The Art League to discuss presentation issues. Artists may review the exhibit space (during regular City Hall hours) in advance; please note that corridors have only eight-foot high ceilings. Artists are advised

that the exhibition space is a government office building open to all members of the public, including children, and are asked to submit work appropriate to this venue.

Sales: Work may be for sale or marked NFS (Not For Sale). If NFS, a value must be stated in the Loan Agreement form for insurance purposes. A 25% commission applies to all artwork sold. Accepted artwork (not including duplicate works) may NOT be sold directly by artists or their representatives (including through their websites) for the duration of the Exhibition.

Loan Agreement: Artists are required to provide a completed and signed Loan Agreement Form, at delivery of artwork. "2009-10 Alexandria Art in City Hall Loan Agreement" forms will be available at any of the participating galleries, public libraries, and the Office of Citizen Assistance in City Hall. Permission to photograph any artwork for publicity purposes is considered granted unless otherwise stated in writing. The City and The Art League are not liable for theft or damage to submitted artwork.

Awards: The juror will select works for monetary awards.

More Information: Call The Art League gallery at 703-683-1780, for more information.

PLEASE NOTE: *Artists are responsible for transport and removal of artwork(s) to and from City Hall. No accepted work may be removed for the duration of the show. Artists are required to pick up works at the times stated. A storage fee of \$5.00 per day per piece will be assessed for any artwork not picked up or removed as required.*

About the Sponsors

The Art League is a charitable and educational 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, that provides continuous opportunity for artists to have their work juried by professional metropolitan area teachers, curators, critics and gallery owners in monthly shows. It also operates a non-accredited school of fine art, and operates outreach programs in the community. Located in the Torpedo Factory at 105 North Union St, Alexandria, Virginia. www.theartleague.org.

Alexandria Commission for the Arts is a City Council appointed 16 member commission responsible for allocating public funds to support the arts and advising Council on arts related policies. The Commission also works on other arts initiatives, such as the Annual Alex awards, and a new initiative for Alexandria—Percent for Arts program. The Commission oversees Public Art and has instituted the Mayor's Gallery, Council Gallery and City Manager's Gallery. www.alexandriacommissionforthearts.org.

Participating Organizations

The Art League – 703-683-1780 – 105 N. Union St., Alexandria, VA 22314 – www.theartleague.org

Del Ray Artisans – 703-838-4827 – 2704 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria, VA 22301 – www.thedelravartisans.org

Torpedo Factory Art Center – 105 N. Union St. Alexandria, VA 22314 – www.torpedofactory.org