



Juried Performance/Literary/Visual Arts Exhibition **Our Common Future: Finding Hope in the Midst of Crisis**

Saturday, May 25, 2019

Alexandra Neighbourhood House, 2916 McBride Ave., Crescent Beach

IMPORTANT DATES

Submission Deadline: April 30, 2019

Artist Selections: May 13, 2019

Opening Reception/Installation: May 23, 2019

Installation at White Rock Community Centre: May 27-June 28, 2019

Pickup of Art Work: May 25 or June 28, as requested.

PURPOSE OF THE EXHIBITION

Artists for a Change is an initiative of Alexandra Neighbourhood House to encourage and support collaborative projects devised and delivered by visual, literary, and performing artists. These projects are intended to foster community engagement and development around issues of social or environmental concern, with a view to inspiring the public to individual and collective action for positive change. *Our Common Future* is more than a juried, multi-media exhibition. As a centrepiece of our annual Alexandra Festival, it will include opportunities for visitors to indicate interest in participating in one or more community conversations focused on the theme, with a view to cultivating advocacy and activism in our community. Following the festival, the works in the Visual Arts category (or a selection thereof) will be exhibited at White Rock Community Centre for the month of June, 2019.

DESCRIPTION OF THE THEME

Our Common Future is the title of the report of the World Commission on environment and Development, published in 1987. Often called the Brundtland Report, after its chair, Gro Harlem Brundtland, it brought the issue of human-induced climate change to public consciousness; and reinforced the novel idea that development and sustainability are a single issue.

Thirty years on, humanity is collectively struggling to address multiple ecological catastrophes, of which climate change is arguably the most pivotal. *Our Common Future* explores, through art and creativity, responses to these various threats to life on Earth, seeking to inspire those who experience it to hope; and with hope, to local advocacy and activism to build a more aware and sustainable community – both individually, and collectively.

SUBMISSION INFORMATION

Categories

We are seeking submissions in three categories:

- Visual Arts (including painting, drawing, sculpture, and allied arts)
- Literary Arts (spoken prose and poetry)
- Performing Arts (dance, music, singing, performance art)

Age and residency

We are seeking submissions from two age groups: youth (18 and under), and adult (19 and over). Applicants must apply as individuals; but ensembles will be considered for the Performing Arts category. Applicants must be resident in South Surrey (south of Hwy 10); White Rock; or Cloverdale. In total, twelve adult and eight youth applications will be approved.

Number of works chosen

- Visual Arts: Up to three pieces each from six adults and four youth.
- Literary Arts: Four adults and two youth reading from one or more works of no more than ten minutes length.
- Performing Arts: Two adults or adult ensembles and two youth ensembles presenting performance of no more than fifteen minutes length.

Submission Requirements

- All applicants: An artist CV and an artist's statement related to the theme (see above). The artist statements will be collated into an exhibition booklet for distribution at the event.
- Visual Arts: A description of the media with which the artist works, and five representative samples, submitted as electronic files.
- Literary Arts: Five representative samples of the author or poet's work, submitted as electronic documents.
- Performing arts: Five representative samples of the artist's work, submitted as electronic files.
- Successful applicants will be required to submit a headshot for inclusion in the event booklet.

How to Submit

Applicants should submit their CV, artist's statement, and samples to afac@alexhouse.net. Please include your full name, email and phone contact information, website (if you have one), and whether you are submitting as an adult or youth. While individuals may apply for more than one of the three categories; successful applicants will only be chosen for one of them.

DELIVERY AND PICK UP OF WORK

A wine and cheese reception will be held on Thursday, May 23rd for all successful applicants. Visual artists will be asked to deliver their work that day (see specifications below); and together we will install them prior to the reception. Artists may be asked to assist in the transportation and installation of visual works to White Rock Community Centre for exhibition in the week following Alex Fest. At the conclusion of that installation, artists will be contacted to retrieve their exhibited works.

SALE OF WORK

Artists are welcome to market their exhibited works at the festival, on the understanding that works sold will not be exhibited in the subsequent exhibition at White Rock Community Centre, unless consent is granted by the purchaser.

EXHIBITING SPECIFICATIONS

Paintings or drawings should be ready to be mounted on delivery, and include the name and contact information for the artist appended to the back of the work. Due to a lack of wall space, most pieces will be displayed on easels (provided). If your piece will be hung, we will communicate around that prior to the event. Other objects

will be mounted on tables and/or cases, with the name and contact information for the artist appended to the bottom of the work. Exhibitors will be asked to indicate specific instructions for installation prior to the event.

EQUIPMENT & AMENITIES PROVIDED

- For visual artists: Easels, hanging hardware, cases, and/or tables.
- For performing and literary artists: Microphone, music stand, power, dressing room.

REMUNERATION

Exhibitors and performers will receive an honorarium of \$100 for their participation, which may be supplemented by additional cash or in-kind support from one or more sponsor(s) TBA.

OTHER INFO

Alexandra Neighbourhood House will take the utmost care in handling and exhibiting works, but cannot be responsible for loss or damage. Exhibitors will be required a liability waiver as a condition of participation.

By entering this call, permission is given to Alexandra Neighbourhood House to photograph accepted works for publicity and documentary purposes, including promotion of the exhibition and/or Alex Fest.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Neil Fernyhough, Manager, Community Programs at communityprograms@alexhouse.net or 604-535-0015 (ext 236).