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CALL FOR ENTRIES

Food Justice: Growing a Healthier Community through Art

Contemporary Craft (CC) September 2020 – March 2021 | Pittsburgh, PA

THEME

CC is currently seeking artists whose work reflects an interest in topics related to food justice, public policy advocacy, farming and gardening, race and class awareness, access, and nutrition education.

Food security is among the most basic of human needs, but contemporary issues preventing equitable access to food are extremely complex. Economic inequality and structural racism, corporate agricultural practices, food waste, climate change, and domestic and geopolitics are among the many factors that contribute to the growing disparity in the distribution of food resources across the US and around the globe. 521,750 Pennsylvania children and nearly 1 in 7 of our neighbors in Pittsburgh's Allegheny County are "food insecure," lacking reliable access to a sufficient quantity of affordable, nutritious food.

Food Justice: Growing a Healthier Community through Art, and related interpretive programming, will convey personal stories and experiences to demonstrate the local and world-wide impact food justice has on individuals and society, and how the arts can guide thoughtful conversation on the topic.

MEDIA CRITERIA

The exhibition will highlight a variety of techniques and forms including, but not limited to, innovative art expressions rooted in traditional craft media such as clay, fiber, glass, metal, wood, and found objects; and will explore unexpected relationships between craft and painting, sculpture, conceptual, and installation art.

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ELIGIBILITY

Open to exceptionally talented artists who are in the early, mid or late stages of their career and reside in the United States or abroad. Artists must work in craft media: ceramics, wood, metal/jewelry, glass, found materials, mixed media, fiber or a combination of these materials.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Please send submissions at: <https://form.jotform.com/82064601886157>

The application will ask for:

- Contact information
- Artist statement
- CV/ Resume in doc and pdf format (file size must be under 1MB)
- 6 Representative images similar in quality and nature to the work the artist would enter if selected.
 - Images need not be the exact pieces the artist intends to enter.
 - Quality of images submitted may influence decisions on inclusion.
 - Each uploaded image descriptions must include Title, Year, Medium, Dimension, Retail Price.

If you have any questions about the *Food Justice* artist open call, please contact Kate Lydon at klydon@contemporarycraft.org.

SALES

CC receives a 50% commission on artworks sold. Commissions received through CC sales help support the free admission, education and community outreach programs of the nonprofit organization.

RIGHT TO REPRODUCE

CC reserves the right to photograph exhibited work, and use photographs - or the artist's entry images - in both printed and electronic materials for publicity and promotion.

FOOD JUSTICE CALENDAR

- Call for Artists begins – July 26, 2018
- Extended Deadline for Entries – April 15, 2019
- Notification of Artists – May 3, 2019
- Exhibition dates – September 2020 through March 2021

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