

THIS CALLS FOR CELEBRATION!

OAG Shop & Commercial Gallery: Call for Submissions

The doors to the new Ottawa Art Gallery are scheduled to open in the fall of 2017! The expansion of the Ottawa Art Gallery is a moment for the arts and culture sector in Ottawa-Gatineau to celebrate this purpose-built Gallery which will increase the vitality and focus on the arts in the region. As we move into our exciting new space, we are planning the expansion of many departments, including our *Commercial Gallery* (working name) as well as a new *OAG Shop* (working name). This is a collective opportunity for both the Gallery and regional artists to showcase the unique excellence of local arts.

With the inaugural opening of the new building, we are looking for artists and makers to submit unique, handmade and one-of-a-kind pieces to both our *Commercial Gallery* as well as our *OAG Shop*. These products can range in price points and be ceramics, jewellery, textiles, sculptures, prints or one-offs. We would love to hear from our local makers and see what you are doing. If you have any special one-off products that reflect the image of the Ottawa Art Gallery, or ideas specific to our commercial spaces, we would love to hear from you.

The *Commercial Gallery* and the *OAG Shop* are two distinct spaces and each have a different set of qualifications and instructions for submissions. Please refer to the detailed submission processes below. Any additional questions can be directed to Stephanie Germano, manager, either by phone at 613-233-8699 x234 or by email at sgermano@ottawaartgallery.ca.

Commercial Gallery

This is a gallery space, previously known as our *ART Rental and Sales*, promotes artists working within the Ottawa/Gatineau region, through the rental, sale and exhibition of their work. Artists must live or work within 150km of the Gallery to be considered. Artworks selected by the jury will be consigned to the Gallery for approximately 12 months.

The submission will be juried by both Gallery staff and selected representatives from the local arts community. We will be accepting submissions now, **UP UNTIL 30 April, 2017**. Artists will be informed in June of the jury's decision.

About the Gallery:

- You must live or be working within 150km from the Gallery.
- We are looking for artists working with a variety of mediums, including painting, sculpture, photography, mixed media, and numbered edition prints.
- We welcome prints and illustrations unframed as long as they are edition prints and are enclosed in a plastic sleeve with a backing board.
- The works must be for both sale and rental, unless the works are sculptural or unframed.
- We determine the rental cost; it is based on the purchase price of the artwork.
- The Gallery remits a sales commission of 40% and a rental commission of 50%.
- If the work has not sold by the end of the 12 month consignment, it is returned to the artist.
- Please note that we only accept artwork submissions directly from the artist, their representation, or their estate. We do not re-sell from private collections.
- We do accept student artwork.

How to submit?

- Please email sgermano@ottawaartgallery.ca and include "Submission: Commercial Gallery" in the subject line **NO LATER THAN 30 April, 2017**. No more than 5 artworks can be submitted per jury. Please include:
 - Digital images of the artworks submitted.
 - A detailed list of works that include title, date of creation, medium, size and purchase price.
 - An artist statement, a CV or both.

OAG Shop

The submission will be juried by both Gallery staff and selected representatives from the local arts community. The deadline for submissions is **NO LATER THAN 30 April, 2017** and applicants will be informed in June of the jury's decision.

About the *Gallery Shop*:

- The products in the shop will be either purchased or consigned by the Gallery. Pieces that are consigned are done so for a 12 month period. If sold, the Gallery Shop remits a 40% sales commission.
- We are looking for handmade items such as: jewellery, ceramics, greeting cards, children's toys, stationery (notebooks, zines, etc.), fashion accessories (scarves, hats, etc.) as well as any other handmade goods.

How to submit:

- Please email the following to sgermano@ottawaartgallery.ca and include "Submission: Gallery Shop" in the subject line **NO LATER THAN 30 April, 2017**. Please include:
 - Digital images of your products
 - Your company website
 - A brief description of you and your products which includes the wholesale/retail costs.