



Second Street Gallery is currently accepting submissions for a group exhibition, *The Art of Collage* to be held in the Main Gallery of Second Street Gallery from June 7 - July 19, 2024. The exhibition will be curated by Second Street Gallery's Executive Director and Chief Curator, Kristen Chiacchia.

“Collage is the twentieth century’s greatest innovation.” - Robert Motherwell

Throughout the history of art, modern and contemporary artists have experimented with combining different materials in order to create something unique and unexpected in an endless number of ways. From Pablo Picasso's *Still Life with Chair Caning*, one of the earliest forms of collage in Western art, to Hannah Höch's politically driven photomontages to Wangechi Mutu's mixed media works focused on crucial women's issues—and countless others in between—artists have been pushing the boundaries of collage and exploring new mediums and techniques for decades.

Derived from the French verb *coller*, meaning “to glue,” collage refers to both the technique and the resulting work of art in which fragments of paper and other materials are arranged and glued or otherwise affixed to a supporting surface.

This exhibition will feature a selection of contemporary artists who are exploring the rich breadth and history of collage through their own art. We are seeking artworks that explore the creative potential of collage and demonstrate innovative approaches to the medium. The gallery aims to include a selection of both formally trained artists and self-taught artists who have reinvented their chosen mediums. We will consider both 2D and 3D works of art that demonstrate each artist's unique vision and creative talent.

Preference will be given to artists living in Charlottesville, Virginia and the surrounding counties. However, artists outside of Virginia will be seriously considered.

APPLICATIONS DUE: JUNE 1, 2023
EXHIBITION DATES: JUNE 7 - July 19, 2024

APPLICATION FEE: \$10/\$0 FOR MEMBERS AND OR ARTISTS WHO RESIDE IN THE STATE OF VA

SSG aims to foster active and open appreciation for contemporary art, engaging directly with the issues surrounding the work itself. We embrace diversity of background, identity, and expression. We encourage artists from groups historically underrepresented in the art world to apply.

HOW TO APPLY:

- Email your application materials to info@secondstreetgallery.org.
- Pay the [submission fee](#).

EXHIBITION REQUIREMENTS:

Artists who are selected to participate will work with Executive Director and Chief Curator, Kristen Chiacchia in the months leading up to the exhibition to select artwork for inclusion in the gallery. Each artist should expect to showcase approximately 3-10 works in the exhibition. Work selected for the exhibition should have been created after 2019 and should not be shown in another gallery or art space within a 75 mile radius of Second Street Gallery in the 12 months leading up to this exhibition.

Please contact the gallery by email (info@secondstreetgallery.org) for any individual questions about the application process. Final notifications will be sent by August 1, 2023.

We look forward to seeing your work!

APPLICATION MATERIALS:

- Brief bio (150 words max)
- 3-5 artwork examples (this does not need to be work that you plan to include in the exhibition. However, it should at least be representative of the type of work that you will include in the exhibition.) Images should be JPG format and no larger than 1Mb. Image filename should be: ARTISTNAME_TITLE_YEAR_MEDIUM_DIMENSIONS.jpg (if the filenames are not labeled properly, the application may be considered incomplete).
- [Submission fee](#) \$10 / \$0 for Second Street Gallery members and/or artists who reside in the state of Virginia.
- Artist Statement (optional, 500 words max)



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