



## 40 West Arts Gallery Call for Entries: Homelessness

### KEY INFORMATION

- Submission Deadline: Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017
- Opening Reception Date: First Friday October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 5-8pm in conjunction with a district-wide Art Walk
- Gallery Open Hours: Wednesdays - Saturdays from 12-4pm, and before EDGE Theater shows
- Gallery Location: 1560 Teller Street, Lakewood, CO 80214

### CREATIVE BRIEF

Homelessness is a complex issue with myriad faces. The term can encompass those that are homeless temporarily or for a number of years, those that are displaced from their homes due to natural or man-made conditions, those that have a house but because of cultural, economic or other circumstances do not feel that they have a 'home' and even those that choose to be 'homeless' in the spirit of adventure or wandering. Homelessness might also apply to an object or non-human form that is abandoned or left behind. In this call we contemplate the broad question of what it means to be without a home, whether that concept is physical or metaphysical.

This issue of homelessness is both timely and local to the Colorado-West Colfax region. Some of the challenges we currently face include a substantial long-term homeless population (those individuals who have experienced homelessness for at least six continuous months). According to the National Coalition for the Homeless, these individuals generally face a number of issues including poverty, lack of employment opportunities, lack of affordable health care, domestic violence, mental illness and addiction. Additionally, the metro Denver region is grappling with issues of displacement due to lack of affordable housing and the increased popularity of metro neighborhoods that were once moderately priced, but are now in high demand. We invite creatives to explore the topic of homelessness in any medium, and from any lens or point of view.

The exposure for this event will be strong, to include our ongoing outreach and social media efforts - website, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, other social networking sites, eNewsletter, postcards, artists' networks, assorted city, chamber, and neighborhood association emails and more. Additionally, this exhibit opening reception falls during one of 40 West Arts three district Art Walks per year. During district Art Walks several galleries, working studios, and creative businesses are open to the public. District Art Walks draw in a crowd of hundreds, and because each individual destination pursues their own marketing mechanisms, outreach is far and wide. We will seek additional exposure available to us as a State-Certified Creative District. This is terrific exposure for 40 West Arts Gallery, and the artists featured in this show.

## SCREENING PROCESS

This is an inclusive exhibition, meaning that we strive to accommodate at least one work from all artists. However, submissions will be screened by a panel, including 40 West Arts curators and invited guest jurors, to ensure quality and applicability of work. Please note that depending on the number of submissions, our curation process, and other factors, not all submitted works are guaranteed entrance into our show. We will notify you within the timeframe indicated herein regarding the acceptance of your work(s).

## ELIGIBILITY

This exhibition is open to all professional and amateur artists. All mediums are welcome. Both 40 West Arts members and non-members are invited to submit work.

## HOW TO SUBMIT

Please read and follow all instructions:

**GUIDELINES:** Artists are invited to submit up to four hanging OR three 3-D works via email for consideration. (See details below on how to submit digital images for jurying). Application fees for this show are \$5 per item for 40 West members and \$10 per item for non-members. FREE for youth (under age 20) artists. Become a member of 40 West Arts District at [www.40westarts.org](http://www.40westarts.org) (dues are only \$40 per year). 40 West Arts will retain a 15% commission on all work sold. It is the artist's responsibility to collect and remit local and state sales taxes for any work sold. All artwork must fit through the gallery door and be ready to hang. This means that all hanging works must have a *WIRE* hanger attached to the back of the piece (wire hangers only, no butterfly hooks please) and framed and matted, if applicable. Accepted art must reflect the image of the work that was submitted digitally for jurying. 40 West Arts reserves the right to reject any artwork not meeting these guidelines at any time. Entrants will be sent an email notifying them of their acceptance per the timeframe listed below.

Submit entries to [submissions@40WestArts.org](mailto:submissions@40WestArts.org). Please adhere to the following guidelines. We retain the right to reject submissions if they do not follow this format.

- Submit your work, via email to the following address: [submissions@40WestArts.org](mailto:submissions@40WestArts.org)
- Your email subject heading must read 'Submission: Homelessness Exhibit\_First Name, Last Name
- In the body of the email list, in the following order: your full name, address, email address, telephone number and website URL (if applicable)
- Up to 4 images (1 for each work submitted) in jpeg format, maximum file size of 2.0 MB per image
- Jpeg file name MUST adhere to the following naming convention: First Name,Last Name\_Name of Work (ex.: Heather, Smith\_CosmicDripl.jpg)
- You MUST list the Title/Medium/Dimensions/Price for each piece, and weight if the piece is greater than 20 lbs.
- Artist Comments/Special Instructions (optional)
- PayPal confirmation number or check number. Entry fee checks may be addressed to: 40 West Arts, 1560 Teller Street, Lakewood, CO 80214. To pay via PayPal or credit card, go to [www.40WestArts.org](http://www.40WestArts.org), and click the link for 'Donate'. You will be taken to our PayPal site where you

can follow the prompts to complete your transaction. Call us at 303-275-3430 to process credit card payments over the phone.

## IMPORTANT DATES

- Submission Deadline: Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017 by midnight MST
- Entry Notification: All artists will be notified of acceptance the *week of* August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
- Art Drop Off: Accepted works must be dropped off, ready to hang or display on Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> from 11am-1pm or Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup> from 12-2pm. Please note, if you are unable to drop off works during this time, you **MUST** make alternate arrangements ahead of time.
- Art Pick-Up: Works must be picked up the week of October 30<sup>th</sup> (exact times to be announced closer to the date). PLEASE NOTE: Once pickup times are published, you **MUST** pick up your work(s) during those times, or make alternate arrangements. We cannot hold works more than 15 days past the show close date. If works remain in our gallery longer than 15 days post-show, we reserve the right to charge a \$5 holding fee, per day.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT & CREATING COMMUNITY THROUGH THE ARTS!

Questions? Email: [info@40westarts.org](mailto:info@40westarts.org) | Call: 303-275-3430 | Learn more at [www.40WestArts.org](http://www.40WestArts.org)