

Call for Artists Prospectus: *“Only in Washington”*

A Juried Exhibition of Fine Art Photography
capturing distinctive and original locations that can be found
only in the Evergreen State

Washington State Convention & Trade Center
October 1, 2008 – March 31, 2009

Introduction and Background

In honor of its 20th anniversary, the Washington State Convention & Trade Center (Center) is pleased to announce a call for artists for an upcoming photographic exhibition highlighting distinctive and original locations in the state of Washington. The exhibit, *Only in Washington*, will celebrate both the creativity of our state’s artists and uniquely Washington locations that offer inspiration, respite, enjoyment or entertainment, but mostly a sense of place.

From the entries submitted, up to 100 images will be selected by a panel and placed on public exhibition in the art galleries of the Center. An illustrated exhibition brochure will be produced featuring reproductions of the selected photographs. Selected works will also be featured on the Center’s website. The exhibition will open in October 2008 with an on-site reception to recognize the artists and their work.

The Washington State Convention & Trade Center’s art program, one of the largest of its kind in the nation, highlights the talent of our state’s artists and the works they create. This impressive program provides an enriching experience for the 500,000 people who visit the Center each year as well as significant exposure for the participants.

Exhibition Dates

The exhibit will be on view in the Center’s Galleria from October 2008 through March 2009. The facility is open to the public daily, without charge, from 5:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Subject

Where in Washington is that location that is unique and special to you as an artist and a resident? The special place may be a hiking trail, apple orchard, local coffee shop, beach or even your backyard. The whole range of Washington state locales and experiences will be considered.

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Application Conditions

- The competition is open to all residents of the state of Washington
- All photographs must be original, taken by the entrant after January 1, 2006
- Limit of four entries per person
- Only digital image files saved to a CD will be accepted for consideration
- No e-mail submissions will be accepted
- Images may be in color or black and white

How to Apply

Please submit the following materials:

- ❑ **Application Form and Image List** – Complete the attached application form. Please be sure to label each digital file with a unique identifier that is also noted on the Image List. For each image, include a sentence to why this is a special place only in Washington.
- ❑ **Digital Images** – JPEG images saved to a CD. It is preferred that each image be sized to 1080 pixels on the longest side. Do not combine multiple images into one JPEG file. File names should include the image number (1 of 3, 2 of 3, etc.), the last name of artist and the title of work. For example: “1of3_smith_wineharvest.jpg”. Applicants are encouraged to test digital image files prior to submission. Applicants will not be contacted regarding problems with the proper function of work samples.
- ❑ **Stamped Self-Addressed Envelope** – For the return of the images, a self-addressed stamped envelope, with sufficient postage and sturdy enough to return the CD without damage, must accompany application materials. Every effort will be made to safely handle submitted materials; however, the Washington State Convention & Trade Center will not be held responsible for loss or damage.

Application Deadline and Delivery

To be considered for the exhibition, all material must be delivered to the Washington State Convention & Trade Center no later than 5 p.m., Tuesday, July 1st 2008. The Center is not responsible for delays due to problems in mailing or shipping.

Selection Process

A panel including arts professionals and community members will select up to 100 works from the digital images submitted. The selection panel will base their decisions on artistic merit, appropriateness to the stated subject and geographic diversity.

Notification of Results

Artists whose work is selected for inclusion in the exhibit will be notified of the panel's decisions by mid-August 2008. All application materials will be returned by mail after that date via the artist-supplied self-addressed, sufficiently stamped envelope.

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Display of Selected Works

Upon selection by the panel, it is the responsibility of the artist to provide the Center with their work(s) suitably framed, as specified below:

- All selected works must be individually framed with acrylic (Plexiglas), and ready to hang by wire
- The outer dimensions of each framed work must be no smaller than 8 inches by 10 inches and no larger than 20 inches by 24 inches
- Works accepted for the exhibit must be available for the entire scheduled exhibition period and may not be removed during the exhibit
- Artworks are due for delivery to the Center by Wednesday, September 3, 2008
- After being received in good condition, the accepted work will be insured by the Center for the exhibition period and during the return to the artist
- Works will be installed and labeled by the Center, and will include your sentence describing why this location only in Washington is so special to you
- Works may be made available for purchase during the exhibit, but prices will not be posted and no works may not be removed from display
- The program, exhibition signage and website will direct patrons to the artist for sales and for additional information about your work
- The Washington State Convention & Trade Center will not act as a selling agent but will notify the artist of any interested buyer

Upon completion of the exhibition, the Washington State Convention & Trade Center will contact the selected artists to arrange for the return of the framed works.

Questions? Please contact either Diana Mills, (206) 694-5182, dmills@wsctc.com or Daniel Johnson, (206) 694-5013, djohnson@wsctc.com

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Application Form and Image Identification List

Please mail this form with CD containing image file(s) and a stamped self-addressed envelope to:

Washington State Convention & Trade Center
c/o Daniel Johnson
Level 5 Administration Offices
800 Convention Place
Seattle, WA 98101-2350

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ E-mail _____

Image 1

Title _____
Date _____ WA County Where Shot _____
Sentence about why this is a special place _____

Image 2

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Date _____ WA County Where Shot _____
Sentence about why this is a special place _____

Image 3

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Image 4

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