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Call for Submissions

4th Annual Middlebrook Prize for Young Canadian Curators

GUELPH - The Art Gallery of Guelph announces the Call for Submissions for the fourth annual Middlebrook Prize for Young Canadian Curators. The Middlebrook Prize invites curators under the age of 30 to submit an innovative proposal for an exhibition at the Art Gallery of Guelph (to take place from Sep 15 to Dec 18, 2016). Applicants are encouraged to reflect upon the ways in which creative thinking may animate and engage a community, instilling a shared sense of purpose and connectedness.

By supporting and mobilizing Canadian creative talent, the Middlebrook Prize aims to inspire positive social change through creativity and connectedness in a time of unprecedented economic, environmental, social, and cultural challenges. The winning curator will receive an honorarium of \$5,000.

2016 Jurors:

Alison Cooley, 2nd Middlebrook Prize Recipient (with Natasha Chaykowski)

Melissa Bennett, Curator of Contemporary Art, Art Gallery of Hamilton

Robert Enright, Research Professor in Art Theory and Criticism, University of Guelph and Senior Contributing Editor, Border Crossings

Dawn Owen, Acting Director/Curator of Contemporary Art, Art Gallery of Guelph
(Jury Committee Chair)

Applications must include:

- Letter of Introduction: applicants should share their perspective on the health and vitality of art in Canada and what the Prize means to them as a career-building opportunity
- 1 page exhibition proposal (including contact information, curatorial statement, list of artists, and description of outreach programming)
- Exhibition budget not exceeding \$10,000 and including: artist fees (per CARCC 2016 fee schedule for Category II institutions), shipping via an accredited art transportation company, any special equipment requirements for the exhibition, a description of any unique or unusual installation requirements, projected travel/accommodation expenses for artists/curators)
- 1 example of critical writing
- C.V. (current, maximum 3 pages)
- 10 images with descriptions (including artist name, title, date, medium, dimensions) inclusive of the following:
 - 5 images supporting exhibition proposal
 - 5 images supporting past curatorial work
 - Floor Plan (detailing the proposed layout of works)

Notes:

- The award winner must be under 30 years of age by December 31, 2016 and is required to demonstrate proof of age on signing of the exhibition contract.
- The Prize is open to Canadian citizens, as well as non-Canadians currently living and working in Canada.
- If the Prize is awarded to a non-Canadian curator, they must be resident in Canada for the full term of the Prize (March through December 2016)

Download the floor plan

Download the 2016 Middlebrook Prize Call for Submissions poster

Important Dates:

- Call for Submissions: Mar 1 – Apr 10, 2016
- Winning Curator Announcement: May 2, 2016
- Exhibition Dates: Sep 15 – Dec 18, 2016
- Opening Reception: Sep 15, 2016

Applications are to be submitted in a single PDF document, with the subject line Middlebrook Prize, in care of: Robbyne MacKenzie, Community Engagement Coordinator rmackenzie@artgalleryofguelph.ca.

Visit the Middlebrook Prize website for more information about the Past Prize Recipients.

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