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Call for Submissions

3rd Annual Middlebrook Prize for Young Canadian Curators

GUELPH - The Macdonald Stewart Art Centre (MSAC) and the Middlebrook Fund for Social Innovation announce the call for submissions for the third annual Middlebrook Prize for Young Canadian Curators.

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 first of its kind in Canada, the Middlebrook Prize invites curators under the age of 30 to submit an innovative proposal for an exhibition at the Macdonald Stewart Art Centre. 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. The winning applicant will receive an honorarium of \$5,000.

The exhibition will open on Thursday, September 17, 2015 in conjunction with the grand reopening of MSAC as the Art Gallery of Guelph, following a four month closure for major construction on the front exterior of the building. The exhibition will conclude on December 13, 2015.

Middlebrook Prize Jurors

Dawn Owen, Acting Director/Curator of Contemporary Art, Art Gallery of Guelph

Jennifer Rudder, Associate Professor of Curatorial Studies, OCAD University

Katherine Dennis, 1st Middlebrook Prize Recipient

Applications must include:

- 1 page exhibition proposal (including contact information, curatorial statement, list of artists, and description of public programming)
- Exhibition budget not exceeding \$10,000 and including: artist fees (per CARCC 2015 fee schedule for Category II institutions), shipping via an accredited art transportation company, A/V and/or special equipment required for the exhibition, description of 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 and 5 images supporting past curatorial work

Note that the award winner must be under 30 years of age by December 31, 2015 and is required to demonstrate proof of age on signing of the exhibition contract.

Visit the MSAC's website for more information, including a floor plan.

Important Dates

- Call for Submissions: March 31 – May 1, 2015
- Winning Recipient Announcement: May 11, 2015
- Exhibition Dates: September 17 – December 13, 2015

- Exhibition Reception: September 17, 2015

Applications are to be submitted in a single PDF document, with the subject line Middlebrook Prize, to: Middlebrook Prize Jury at info@msac.ca

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