



CALL FOR ENTRIES: GALLERY ON THE SQUARE EXHIBITION IN DOWNTOWN JOHNSON CITY, TN

The Public Art Committee of Johnson City, TN is seeking original artworks to be printed onto canvas and displayed in Gallery on the Square, a framed art exhibition facing the parking lot between Main Street and State of Franklin Road in the heart of downtown. Selected artworks will be displayed for a two-year period.

ELIGIBILITY: This opportunity is open to all professional artists 18 years of age or older. Entrants must reside within a 100-mile radius of Johnson City. Preference will be given to artists who have not exhibited in the gallery in the past four years. Refer to the Selection Criteria listed below for additional requirements.

DEADLINE: April 30, 2024 by 4:00 p.m. (Eastern Time)

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Gallery on the Square is a rotational outdoor art exhibit featuring the work of regional artists. The exhibit is located along the walls that surround the Downtown Square Parking Lot between W. State of Franklin Road and Main Street. For the upcoming round, the Johnson City Public Art Committee will install reproductions of original artworks in frames that are positioned throughout the breezeway area surrounding the parking lot. After the exhibition artworks are selected and finalized, the committee will oversee the printing, stretching, and installation of each piece.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The Gallery on the Square Selection Committee will review all entries and will select artwork to be included in the exhibition. Selections will be based on the following criteria:

- **Artistic merit**
- **Quality of proposed artwork(s) and its/their digital image(s)**
 - Artwork designs may not be used for advertisement or to promote a business, product or viewpoint.
 - Artwork designs may not include any breach of intellectual property, trademarks, brands, or images of illegal activity.
- **The use of content appropriate for all audiences**

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Submit a digital packet using the online form at <https://jcpublicart.com/gallery-on-the-square-entry-form/>.

Submissions shall include the following:

- **Brief artist bio** (200 words max.)
- **Artwork description(s)**
 - Include the title of the artwork, medium, year of completion, dimensions, and brief description (200 words max.).
 - If you are entering multiple images, please include a thumbnail image next to each written description for the artwork.
- **Image(s) of artwork (up to 3 images may be submitted)**
 - All artwork must be submitted in a digital format. Acceptable file extensions are jpg and png. Please refer to the photography requirements above if photographing a physical artwork.
 - All artworks must be 2-dimensional.
 - Maximum file size that may be uploaded to the online submission form is 50MB. The file size for each image submitted should be 50MB or less for the initial submission. If your artwork is selected for the exhibition, you may then be required to provide an image with a larger file size.
 - **Please note:** Selected artworks will be subject to cropping and alteration as needed to suit the dimensions of the exhibition frames.

GUIDELINES FOR PHOTOGRAPHING PHYSICAL ARTWORKS:

- Take photo with the highest quality camera you have available and at the highest resolution possible
- Photograph the artwork as straight on as possible (do not angle the camera)

- If possible, set camera on a tripod or other stable object and use the timer function on the camera to take the photo (this will decrease the likelihood of shaking and producing a blurred image)
- Do not compress the photo when submitting
- Ensure that there is no glare present in the photograph

ANTICIPATED TIMELINE:

Deadline for Application: April 30, 2024

Notification of Finalists: May 31, 2024

Finalist Final Designs Due: July 1, 2024

The installation will take place by November 2024.

LEGAL INFORMATION

The Johnson City Public Art Committee and City of Johnson City staff reserve the right to crop or adjust the entrant's digital file as needed to suit the frame dimensions. The artist shall retain all rights to the artwork under the Copyright Act, 17 U.S.C. & 101, et seq. The artist authorizes the Johnson City Public Art Committee and the City of Johnson City to make, and to authorize the making of, photographs or other 2-dimensional reproductions of the artwork for education, public relations, arts, promotional and other purposes.

When submitting artwork, the entrant acknowledges that the Johnson City Public Art Committee may use the selected artwork for the purposes of advertising the exhibition. This may also require alteration of the work through cropping, sizing, angling, etc. as suitable for the layout of the promotional materials. The entrant grants the Johnson City Public Art Committee full rights and unlimited use of his/her submitted image in the reproduction layouts and for promotional purposes in both print and digital format. By entering artwork for consideration, the entrant agrees to all the terms described herein and gives permission for his/her artwork to be displayed in the exhibition for its duration (October 2024 – September 2026). The City of Johnson City reserves the right, at its discretion and without cause, to terminate the Gallery on the Square exhibition or any portion of the exhibition as it deems necessary. Artists shall receive no compensation for selection or exhibition of artwork.

Upon selection of artwork for inclusion in the exhibition, artists will be required to sign an Agreement for Reproduction of Artwork.