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Artist Showcase

Call for Artists:

The Discovery Park of America (DPA) invites artists to submit artwork for the Artist Showcase. The Artist Showcase is an ever changing series of temporary exhibits, each lasting 6 months.

The exhibit can be found on the lower level of Discovery Center, just outside the art hall and near the exit to the park grounds.

The display area is approximately 8' W x 6' h with a permanent sign (approximately 11" X 17") explaining the program to visitors. In addition to the art displayed, each installation includes a temporary sign (approximately 8.5" x 11") with a photo and biographical information for current artist. The permanent sign hangs to the left of the display space. The biographical sign will be hung at the lower right hand corner of each display.

Deadlines for entry are established semi-annually, with displays being changed at the same rate. The DPA Art Committee selects a winner from the various entries, with final approval reserved for the DPA Executive Committee. Artists not selected may choose to have their portfolio automatically reconsidered during the following entry period. Past winners may reenter one year following the removal of their display from the showcase, but cannot include any of the same pieces in their new submission.

Artists must agree to loan to Discovery Park of America the displayed works for a period of no more than 1 year and no less than 8 months. Discovery Park of America will produce an identifying plaque for each piece.

Current display period and submission deadline:

The current display by John McLaren, of Murray, KY, will remain in place through December 2017.

A new display will be revealed to the public on or about Friday, January 12, 2018 and will remain on display through June 2018. The deadline for consideration for this display period is 5:00 P.M. Friday, October 27, 2017.

Entry Number & Size:

Artists may submit any number of works so long as the pieces submitted for consideration can be displayed within the exhibit space. Submissions should also include a proposed layout for the display. DPA reserves the right to make alterations to the proposed layout.



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Commission:

Artists may list prices and sell their work while it is displayed, with buyers taking possession upon completion of the exhibition. Discovery Park of America will collect a 20% commission from the sale of any artwork displayed in an Artist Showcase exhibition.

Eligibility:

All two-dimensional art mediums and wall-hung relief work will be considered, but the following criteria must be met:

- Artist must be able to make a minimum of three visits to Discovery Park of America (To deliver artwork prior to installation, to attend the opening reception, and to pick-up the artwork at the completion of the display period.)
- Submissions must be original works of art completed within the last five years or limited-edition reproductions produced using archival materials, signed by the artist, and accompanied by a certificate of authenticity.
- Artwork that contains pornographic or incendiary content designed to arouse or offend the viewer, or uses fabrication methodologies the committee deems inappropriate cannot be accepted.
- DPA reserves the right not to accept any artwork for any reason it deems relevant. Final acceptance of artwork is at the discretion of the Art Committee and the Executive Committee.
- Members of the Art Committee, Employees of Discovery Park of America, and their immediate families are eligible only for the January – June display periods, with submission deadlines established in October.

Framing and Hanging:

If the artwork is framed, it must meet the following criteria:

- No clip or clamp frames.
- No dirty or scratched frames; no unstable or loosely joined frames.
- Matting must be clean, free of debris, and properly cut to professional standards.
- Use hanging wire only; no thread, string, twine, or fishing line. Do not use sawtooth hangers. When hanging wire is stretched in the center, it should not appear above the top of the frame. Do not secure the wire with clamps or clips; thread the wire through the hangers twice then wrap around itself numerous times.
- DPA recommends plexiglass for framing. Glass is permitted; however, DPA will not be liable for any damage to artwork under glass.



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Method of Application:

To apply, complete the form on the following page and mail or deliver it to:

Discovery Park of America
ATTN: Art Committee Chair
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Applications may also be sent via email to cgunlefinger@discoveryparkofamerica.com.

Along with the application, artists must submit digital copies of the pieces entered on a CD, flash-drive, or cloud storage platform (e.g. Dropbox, Google Docs), and a proposed layout of their work as they would like it to appear in the available space.

Please label your digital images with your last name, the artwork title, and the corresponding layout number. There is no fee to submit work for consideration.

