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CALL TO THEATRICAL ARTISTS

The Alabama Center for the Arts (ACA) is excited to call theatrical artists from ACA (including faculty, staff, students, and alumni) as well as the community theatre groups in Decatur for a juried exhibition in our Main Gallery featuring *The Art of Decatur Theatre*.

Artists may submit up to three works of art in JPG form along with the attached entry form for consideration by our jurors. No more than three works per artist will be selected. Works selected for the exhibition will be displayed in the main gallery of the Alabama Center for the Arts in historic Downtown Decatur.

We would like to accept the following types of art (artists are limited to 3 submissions each):

- Handmade props
- Costumes (ACA has a limited number of dress forms and/or mannequins. If a costume piece is submitted and accepted, a form on which it can be displayed is appreciated.)
- Puppets
- Smaller handmade set pieces
- Sound design submissions (made up of only original creations)
- Video clips of performances. Time lapse or video progressions of costume or set creations.
 - NOTE @ video clips: We have a limited number of monitors and accepted clips and sound design submissions may be featured in a running loop featuring more than one artist's clip.
- Framed High Resolution Production Photos of lighting and set designs (minimum size 11x14 – maximum size 18x24)

The timeline is as follows:

Submissions accepted April 3 through May 5, 2023

Jury (projected) dates: May 8-22

Artist notification by email: June 5-9

Deliver accepted pieces to ACA: June 26-30

Show installation: July 5-10

Show dates:

Opens - July 11

Reception – TBD

Closes – September 7

Pick-up art: September 8, 11-15, 2023

*ACA has very limited storage. It is imperative that you pick up your art during the designated times.

Everyone who is eligible is encouraged to participate in this Call to Theatrical Artists.

Contact Jennifer.Bunnell@athens.edu (256-260-4299) or Kimberly.Parker@calhoun.edu (256-306-2701) with any questions.

SPECIFICATIONS & INSTRUCTIONS

Submitted artwork will be juried in a review of digital images submitted online. Artists accepted will be invited to ship or hand-deliver (preferred) their artwork to the ACA for exhibition.

- Artists submitting work must be faculty/staff/adjunct or alumni of ACA, Athens State University or Calhoun Community College or a member of a Decatur community Theatre group.
- **Entry deadline (entry form plus digital images for all entries) is: May 5, 2023.**
 - Please email your entries (up to 3 works of art in JPG) along with the entry form (form is attached as last page of this document)
 - One form per entry or 3 entries listed on one form to: Jennifer.Bunnell@athens.edu. Or, you may mail your form(s) and digital art work on a USB flash drive to the address at the top of this page. Mailed entries must be postmarked by April 28, 2023.
- Works chosen for exhibition must be finished, dry, and ready to exhibit. Works must be framed and, where appropriate, glazed with Plexiglas (hand-delivered items may be glazed with glass). Plexiglas must be on work over 24"x30". No substitutions are allowed.
- **All wall and suspended work must be equipped with a secure wire hanging system (not just a hook).**
- The ACA reserves the right to eliminate any entry that is not reasonably adaptable to its physical facility (for example, a sculpture should fit within a hypothetical 12-foot cube; the horizontal dimension of any work should not exceed 12 feet).
- The ACA does not supply framing, hardware or wire.
- The gallery supplies a track hanging system for art to be displayed on the walls that are wall papered. Artwork or display materials to be directly affixed to the wall must have gallery approval. (Sticky tape is not acceptable.)
- Selected hanging art too heavy for the track system in the gallery will not be accepted.
- All work must be equipped for safe installation; gallery personnel will determine safety.
- Works considered too fragile for handling by gallery personnel will not be accepted.
- When two or three-dimensional work is unusually heavy or difficult to handle, timely assistance may be required of the artist. Prior notice must be given to ensure gallery floor or wall can bear weight load. Three-dimensional work must fit through a standard single door.
- The ACA has a limited number of display materials for 3-D work – consult with gallery prior to installation. The artist is responsible for special security of artwork, such as jewelry.
- Artists whose works require electrical outlets or other special considerations should consult with gallery personnel prior to application.
- **After selections are made, all work delivered to the gallery must be catalogued through the “Gallery Intake Form” which will be provided at notification of acceptance.** Affixed to the back of the art must be a piece of paper with the following:
 - Artist name / Artist phone number & email / Title of the work, medium & price, or marked Not for Sale (NFS).

About your images:

It is important that your images represent your work as accurately and professionally as possible. Artists must submit JPGs, with maximum size not to exceed 25MB. The ACA reserves the right to reproduce images of accepted entries for promotion of the exhibition in the media and online. The ACA reserves the right not to accept a work if it is significantly different from the digital image submitted.

Sales:

All work included in the show will be available for sale unless designated Not for Sale (NFS) by the artist. Prices will be available in the gallery, and purchased works will not be released until after the close of the exhibition. Artists receive 100% of the monies from the sale of art. The sale of artwork is taxable, and all sales tax processing will be handled by the exhibitor. Sold artwork requiring shipment will be handled by the exhibitor with costs collected from buyer.

Liability:

All work will be handled with care, but pieces submitted for exhibition are at the artist's risk. In the event of damage or theft, the ACA will not be held liable.

Agreement:

Submission of an entry to this exhibition constitutes agreement on the part of the entrant to the conditions set forth in this competition.

Pick-Up and Storage:

When the exhibit ends, you may pick up your work no earlier than 8:00pm on the closing day of the exhibit. You must pick up your work within 72 hours of the closing day of the exhibit or notify the gallery if you will be late. The ACA is a non-collecting gallery with no storage space for purchased or donated works of art. Unless previous arrangements have been made, work not picked up will be subject to a fine of \$10.00 per piece, per week. Work left in storage longer than two weeks shall become the ACA's property and may be disposed of or used for fundraising purposes. There are no exceptions.

For further information:

Questions, contact, Jennifer Bunnell, ACA Director, at Jennifer.Bunnell@athens.edu, or 256-260-4299 during regular business hours (Monday-Thursday, 8:00am-4:30pm Central, Friday, 8:00am-12:00noon).

Deadline: Entry form(s) & digital images MAILED on USB must be postmarked by: April 28, 2023

Exhibition Timeline:

April 3- May 5	Entries accepted (entries form and JPGs of art)
May 5 at 12:00pm (noon)	Entry deadline (form and JPGs) – no late entries will be accepted
May 8-22	Image jurying
June 5-9	Artist notification of accepted and non-accepted entries (via email)
June 26-30	Receipt of artwork for exhibition, Monday-Thursday, 8:30am-4:30pm and Friday, 8:30am-12pm (The ACA closes at 12noon on Fridays)
July 11	Exhibition opens to the public
TBD	Artists Reception (we encourage all participants to attend)
September 7	Exhibition closes
September 8, 11-15, 2023	Pick-up/return of works. *ACA has very limited storage. It is imperative that you pick up your art during the designated times. ACA closes at 12noon on Fridays.

ALABAMA CENTER FOR THE ARTS – THEATRICAL ARTIST ENTRY FORM

Exhibition Title: *The Art of Decatur Theatre*

Entry deadline: May 5, 2023

Dates of Exhibition: July 11-September 7, 2023

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Artist Name (as you want it listed on art label): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address (required): _____

Phone Numbers: _____

**Please include cell*

Check the appropriate category for yourself: Faculty/Staff Alumni Both

Which school did you attend or are/were employed (please check):

Calhoun Community College Athens State University Both

If you are representing a Decatur theatre group, which one?

Please list **Title of artwork, Medium, and PRICE** or NFS (please list info for ALL entries):
(Credit line labels will be made to standard size by the Curatorial staff based on this information)

Title of Artwork	Medium	Price or NFS
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1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

**List should include the title, medium, size (if you know it), price (if for sale, NFS if not for sale).*

Label your JPGs to correspond with listing of submitted works so staff will know the title of artwork.

Example: ArtistLastName_1.jpg; ArtistLastName_2.jpg; ArtistLastName_3.jpg