



**CAMDEN
FIREWORKS**



Storytelling Quilts: Communal Textile Traditions PROSPECTUS

Camden FireWorks seeks entries for Storytelling Quilts - a collaboration with Firehouse Quilters of Camden, NJ

This project is made possible in part through the Mid Atlantic Folk and Traditional Arts - Community Projects program of Mid Atlantic Arts with support from the National Endowment for the Arts.

The exhibition, **Storytelling Quilts**, is seeking submissions from artists whose very identity is sewn into the fabric of their quilts. Tell us the story of YOU using textiles as a framework for understanding. This call asks artists to answer one of the following prompts:

Identity and Belonging

Each of us is a patchwork: a collage of our past and our future. Introduce us to you. Who are you and to whom do you belong?

Sense of Place

Home is a memory and a place. It has the power to ground us but can also be the source of unmooring. Where are you situated? How does this place inform who you are today?

Environmental Justice

The Earth has a fever but collectively humans have done little to alleviate environmental harm done to our rivers, wildlife, and each other. What are you doing with your “one wild and precious life” to address ecological injustices in your corner of the world?

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS:

Please send submissions to Artistic Manager, Lasha Stewart (lstewart@camdenfireworks.org). Submissions must include the artist’s name and title of work on all images (no more than 3 works can be submitted) and an artist statement of no more than 300 words. Artist statement must answer one of the prompts above and how it relates to your work. Submissions must also include: dimensions, year made, materials, whether or not the piece is for sale, and price. *Please also include hanging instructions for your artwork, and whether you would like it viewed from both the front and back.*

ABOUT FIREWORKS:

Camden FireWorks opened in Camden, NJ in June of 2016. Camden FireWorks’ mission is to use art to create social change. As the only independent art gallery in Camden, New Jersey, it has featured artwork from diverse artists representing a variety of disciplines. In addition, it offers studio rentals, art workshops, and hosts exhibitions and cultural performances in its 1889 firehouse.

ELIGIBILITY:

This exhibit is only available in-person. The artist must be able to deliver their artwork to Camden FireWorks.

Open to all artists over the age of 18 living in the South Jersey/Philadelphia area. No reproductions or works shown in a previous Camden FireWorks exhibition will be accepted. Final determination of what constitutes eligible work or inappropriate subject matter will rest with Camden FireWorks, Inc. Submission of an entry to this exhibit constitutes agreement by the entrant to all conditions set forth in this prospectus.

SIZE REQUIREMENTS:

There are no size restrictions to the scale of your work. Go wild!

PHOTOGRAPHING WORK:

1. Images of artwork should have no visible background or frame
2. If your piece is not square, place them on either a white or black non-textured background.
3. Images should be in JPG, PNG or PDF file format.
4. If your image file size is greater than 5MB, use a photo or image editing program to reduce the size of the image before emailing to the curator.

Camden FireWorks, Inc. reserves the right to reject artwork that does not meet size requirements, is not photographed correctly, or reflects poorly on the artist and the Gallery.

PRESENTATION:

- Artwork should be ready for hanging at arrival
- Artwork should include a hanging sleeve and fitted with a dowel
- If Artwork is not suited for a hanging sleeve and dowel, please include **wooden** quilt hanging clips or a **wooden** quilt hanging rack. *Take the size of your quilt into account when deciding how many clips needed.*
- If artwork has alternative presentation requirements, please include that information in your submission.
- Artwork should be free of lint and debris.

Work submitted without compliance to guidelines will be rejected.

RECEIVING OF WORK:

Artwork must be hand delivered to Camden FireWorks, 1813 S Broadway, Camden, NJ 08104. Artwork drop-off is on 03/08/2024 and 03/09/2024 from 1pm-4pm.

SALE AND REPRODUCTIONS:

Works available for sale will be sold at the price indicated on the original submission form. The exhibiting artist will receive 65% of the sales price for work that is sold.

Camden FireWorks reserves the right to photograph and reproduce any artwork for promotional purposes. The copyright remains with the artist.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Selection notifications will be emailed no later than Wednesday, February 28, 2024.

This in-person exhibition will be exhibited from April 7 to May 18, 2024.

The Opening Reception will be Sunday, April 7, 2024, from 3 – 5 pm.

The deadline for exhibition submissions is Wednesday, January 31, 2024 at 10 am.

Artwork pick up will be May 24 and May 25, 2024 from 1-4 pm.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing your art!