



**CAMDEN
FIREWORKS**

Men, Masculinity, and Love PROSPECTUS

Camden FireWorks seeks entries for Men, Masculinity, and Love

ABOUT THE EXHIBITION: We are pleased to announce an open call for male presenting artists to participate in an upcoming exhibition inspired by Bell Hooks' seminal book, *The Will to Change: Men, Masculinity, and Love*. This exhibition seeks to explore and visualize the profound themes addressed in Hooks' work, including the transformation of masculinity, the healing power of love, and the quest for emotional wholeness.

We look forward to seeing your innovative and thought-provoking interpretations of Bell Hooks' *The Will to Change*. Join us in celebrating and challenging the narratives of masculinity and love in a visual art lens.

THEMES AND CONCEPTS: We invite submissions that creatively engage with the following themes from *The Will to Change*:

- The deconstruction of traditional masculinity
- The role of love in personal and societal transformation
- Emotional vulnerability and healing
- Challenging patriarchal norms
- The intersection of race, gender, identity, and sexuality
- Personal narratives of change and growth

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

This call is open to *male presenting artists over the age of 18*, working in the following mediums: painting, sculpture, photography, mixed media, and digital art. We encourage submissions from emerging and established artists alike. 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.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES: Artists may submit up to three works for consideration. Please include the following in your submission:

1. High-resolution images of each artwork (up to 3 images per artwork)
2. A brief artist statement (500 words max) explaining how your work relates to the themes of the exhibition
3. A short biography (250 words max)
4. Medium, dimensions, price and year made for each piece
5. Contact information, including email address, phone number, and social media handles

6. Any technical or installation requirements for your work

SIZE REQUIREMENTS: 2D works should be no more than 60 inches in width or length and no more than 6 inches in depth. 3D works should be no more than 48 inches in any direction

HOW TO SUBMIT: Please email your submissions to lstewart@camdenfireworks.org with the subject line "Men, Masculinity, and Love Submission."

PHOTOGRAPHING WORK:

1. Images of artwork should have a solid white/black background
2. Images should be in JPG, PNG or PDF file format.
3. 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
- 2D work should be wired with D-Rings
- Paper pieces should be framed (no saw tooth hangers)
- If artwork has alternative presentation requirements, please include that information in your submission.
- 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.

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:

- Submission Deadline: January 11, 2025 at 12pm
- Notification of Acceptance: January 18, 2025
- Artwork Delivery Dates: March 21-22, 2025 from 1-4pm
- Artwork Pick-up Dates: May 16-17, 2025 from 1-4pm
- Exhibition Opening Reception: March 30, 2025 from 3-5pm
- Exhibition Closing Reception: May 11, 2025 from 1-3pm

CONTACT INFORMATION: For any inquiries or further information, please contact Lasha Stewart at lstewart@camdenfireworks.org.

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 multidisciplinary 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.