

# **Call for Artists: City Expressions**

**City Expressions** is an exciting new art exhibition that celebrates the dynamic energy, diversity, and cultural vibrancy of life in Camden, NJ. From the bustling streets to quiet corners, from 'round-the-way blocks to neighborhood bodegas, Camden FireWorks is seeking works of art that capture the essence of cities and the stories they tell. This exhibition will explore themes of urban living, social interaction, architecture, movement, and the unique landscapes that shape city life.

Artists of all backgrounds and experience levels are invited to submit their works for this exhibition, which will showcase a wide range of media, including textile art, photography, and painting.

# Timeline



# Eligibility

- Open to visual artists (aged 18 and older) of all disciplines, backgrounds, and experience levels.
- All works must be original, relate to the theme of "City Expressions", and use the provided cardboard backings.

# How to Apply

Complete the materials request by March 15 at <u>https://form.jotform.com/250417154725151</u> to register your intent to apply and reserve your specified cardboard backing. <u>Camden FireWorks communications</u> related to this call will be sent **only** to artists who complete the Materials Request form. Applicants are limited to one cardboard backing to ensure the inclusion of as many artists as possible.

# **Materials Provided**

Cardboard backings will be provided by Camden FireWorks according to the specific size needed and will not be primed in advance. Artists are welcome to modify or enhance the cardboard as needed for their work; however, the original dimensions (length and width) must be maintained to ensure accurate placement within a FireWorks-provided frame.

Artists are invited to pick up their cardboard backing on the following dates/times:

Thursday, April 17	Friday, April 18	Saturday, April 19
10a to 5p	10a to 5p	Noon to 3p



#### How to Submit

To have your completed work considered for exhibition inclusion, submit your application here <u>https://form.jotform.com/250417627508155</u> by Jun 1 and include the following:

- Brief artist statement and bio explaining your connection (if any) to Camden, NJ.
- Contact information, social media links, and website (if applicable).
- Artwork title and date created.
- High-quality images (JPG, JPEG or PNG) of your work.

# **Selection Criteria**

Artists who submit their completed artwork for consideration will be notified of acceptance or declination by June 28. Artworks will be assessed based on:

- Creative engagement with the theme of urban life, architecture, culture, and the dynamics of city life in Camden, NJ, and similar locales.
- Originality, artistic quality, and thoughtfulness in addressing the theme.
- Technical proficiency in the chosen medium(s).

# **Art Dropoff**

Accepted artworks must be delivered in person at Camden FireWorks' gallery (1813 S Broadway, Camden NJ) during one of the following dates/times:

Thursday, July 24	Friday, July 25	Saturday, July 26
10a to 5p	10a to 5p	Noon to 3p

# **Exhibition Date**

All selected artworks will be displayed at a "Pay What You Can" exhibition as part of the Makers and Music Festival on Saturday, August 23 (rain date August 24) between 11 am and 4 pm.

# Fee

No fee is required to participate in this call. Camden FireWorks will compensate artists for their accepted work according to the following scale:

Small works: \$100 - \$200Medium works: \$300 - \$500Large works: \$600 - \$800

We look forward to seeing your creative expressions of urban life and to showcasing the diversity and vitality of the Invincible City and beyond.

For questions or further details, please email us at AITC@camdenfireworks.org or message us using WhatsApp (just scan the QR code)!

