DUNDAS VALLEY SCHOOL OF ART

Call for Submissions

Submission Dates: November 24th-January 6th, 4:00pm

DVSA invites applications for exhibitions from artists in the Greater Hamilton Area at various stages of their careers, working in a variety of media. Both individual artists and collectives are welcome to apply.

Please reach out if you require assistance and/or accommodations with the application process.

Artists interested in submitting an exhibition proposal should submit the following information:

- Artist statement (maximum 500 words)
- Artist bio (maximum 150 words)
- Up to 10 images of your work including the artwork info (title, medium, size). Digital images should be JPGs no larger than 3MB or a link to view on an external site
- CV (maximum 3 pages, optional)
- Additional support material such as video and/or audio may be included. Please provide links for viewing up to 15 minutes of material such as artist website, Vimeo or YouTube and include passwords if required
- Should your proposal include specific technical or site-specific installation requirements, please provide written details and/or a sketch communicating the space's intended use

Submissions that contain aspects of cultural appropriation will not be considered for exhibition. Cultural appropriation in art refers to the use of elements from a culture by artists who are not of that culture, especially cultures that have been historically marginalized or oppressed. Appropriation typically appears without permission, understanding, or proper context. DVSA reserves the right to refuse any submissions.

DVSA is committed to providing equitable access for all artists in the Greater Hamilton Area with particular emphasis on the following priority groups: BIPOC artists; 2SLGBTQIA+ artists; refugee, newcomer and immigrant artists; and artists living with disabilities. Priority will be given to artists from equity-seeking communities. See DVSA's Accessibility page here.

Please email submissions to:
Janine Jones
Gallery & Administrative Coordinator
905-628-6357 ext. 233 janinej@dvsa.ca

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DVSA is committed to providing accessible options for submissions. If you are unable to submit your application via email, please contact us to make other arrangements.

Submission Deadline

All submissions must be received by 4pm EST on January 6, 2027, for the Gallery Committee's consideration. Please note, DVSA's hours will be reduced during the winter holiday, a current listing of DVSA's hours can be found HERE

Sales and Honoraria

An exhibition fee will be paid to the artist(s), totaling the amount of $300. For exhibitions with multiple artists, artists are responsible for dividing the exhibition fee amongst themselves. Artworks may be sold at the discretion of the artist. When a sale is made, the artwork must remain in the gallery for the duration of the exhibition. The artist will retain 80% of the sale price and DVSA will retain 20%.

Application Exhibition Date

July-August 2027 (2-month exhibition, Main Gallery)

Drop-In Session for Applicants

Tuesday, December 1, 6:00-8:00pm

Is this your first time making a gallery proposal? Are you looking for tips or advice? We welcome applicants to drop by during this time. DVSA staff and gallery committee members will be available to show applicants the gallery spaces and answer questions about the application process.

Alternatively, for additional information or questions, please contact Janine Jones at janinej@dvsa.ca or by phone at 905-628-6357 ext. 233.

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