

# VANCOUVER ARTS CENTRE

## Exhibition Application

2019 / 2020

Applications close: 15 February 2019



## **Organisational Background**

Vancouver Arts Centre is an active community arts centre and gallery that is home to many local arts and craft groups and presents an annual program of exhibitions, performing arts events, workshops, and multi-artform community cultural development projects.

The VAC is based in an old historic building (Albany Cottage Hospital), situated 1km from the Albany CBD and is a unique heritage site offering a range of gallery sizes for your exhibition.

## **Opening Hours**

Monday – Friday 9am – 4pm

Saturday 10am – 3pm

Sundays and Public Holidays – Closed

## **VAC Exhibition Program Objectives:**

The VAC's exhibition program ensures a diversity of exhibitions are presented to, with and for the community and visitors to the region.

We facilitate community access and participation exhibitions, provide opportunities for local emerging and established artists, support the development of contemporary art practice, curate in response to relevant social and civic themes and present touring exhibitions that may be of interest to our community in a range of ways.

Our Programming Goals for 2019 – 2022 are:

- 1 Telling stories from and about our region: people, place, purpose
- 2 Reflecting on national and global context: people, place and purpose
- 3 Development of local independent creative practice and production
- 4 Intercultural and intergenerational exchange and participation

## **Eligibility**

Applications will be accepted from the following:

- Artists at any stage of career
- Community groups
- Curators of a group exhibition
- Local, national and international artists

We encourage graduate students, emerging artists, artists who identify as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, and artists with disability to apply.

## **Our Offer to Artists**

- We will support four exhibitions per year.
- We will provide \$2,000 towards exhibition costs, which can assist with artist labour, materials, transport, installation costs, administration, presentation costs and any ancillary costs related to the opening event.
- Guaranteed minimum exhibition duration of three weeks.

## **In addition we offer:**

- Fully staffed gallery, so no requirement for the artist to sit the exhibition
- Free use of plinths, and installation tools and equipment.
- Polished timber floors
- Professional hanging system
- Ceiling mounted lighting system
- Access to wi-fi
- Connection with the VAC community; up to 15 community groups regularly use the Vancouver Arts Centre, including the Albany Weavers, Albany Floral Art Group, Ace Camera Club, Albany Potters, and Porcelain Painting Friends.
- Contacts with cultural and service organisations in Albany, including the Museum of the Great Southern, the City of Albany Library, and Open Access Youth Arts Studio, as well as creative organisations such as Southern Edge Arts.
- Access to Vancouver Arts Centre facilities and resources and hire of PA systems, projection and film equipment.

- Artwork sales handling (please note a commission rate of 25% plus GST will be applicable for this service if requested).
- Electronic invitation mail out to approximately 1300 newsletter subscribers
- Social media marketing, inclusion in the monthly newsletter and in the regular column in the Great Southern Weekender.
- Promotion of any artist talks, or community workshops that you wish to run in conjunction with your exhibition. (Please note workshop participant fees are to be handled by the artist directly, with the arts centre providing support in promotion and handling community enquiries only.)

### **Criteria for Selection**

Exhibition applications that contribute to achieving our programming goals will be given preference. Applications will also be assessed against the following criteria:

- **Artistic excellence** – the extent to which the artist’s work is recognised as of a high calibre. (30%)
- **Originality** – the extent to which the exhibition proposal is unique and innovative. (30%)
- **Timeliness** – in terms of the artist’s career (is this a great opportunity with high impact for them at this stage?) (20%)
- **Value and interest to the local community** – collaboration with user groups, community engagement, captivating for disinclined audiences, response to local themes or social issues, potential for building or establishing partnerships with other organisations (20%)

### **How to Apply**

Artists are required to provide the following:

- A completed application form;
- A curriculum vitae;
- Relevant references;
- Documentation of past work (at least 5 examples), whether photo files or slides, photographs, audio files or DVD’s of work – (preferably shared via a cloud based platform such as dropbox, vimeo etc).

Applications will be open from December to Mid- February 2019.



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Please indicate if this application, forms part of an existing or proposed residency at the VAC?

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Please identify all participating artists /collaborative partners:

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Please indicate how you would utilise the \$2,000 towards your exhibition costs (attach a separate budget if necessary)

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**Curriculum Vitae**

Please attach at least a 1 page Curriculum Vitae for each participating artist.

**Images**

Documentation of 5 previously completed works, whether photo files or slides, photographs, audio files or DVD's of work. (For each participating artist.)

– Please attach an image list to support your 5 previously completed works stating title, year, medium and size.

**Public Liability**

If you have public liability insurance cover, please attach a copy with this application.

If you do not have public liability insurance cover, you will need to do one of the following:

- 1 Organise your own PL cover
- 2 Pay a Vancouver Arts Centre installation technician to assist you with installation (\$45 per hour)

- 3 Pay for an Install Check, this means that Vancouver Arts Centre staff will provide advice and guidance around installation and will do a final check to ensure that it has been installed safely and satisfactorily and represents minimal risk to the general public. This install check is provided through a standard fee of \$45.

Please send this completed application form together with supporting documents to [arts@albany.wa.gov.au](mailto:arts@albany.wa.gov.au).

### **If you are not selected**

If you are not selected for our supported exhibition program, you will still be able to hire the galleries to present your exhibition. Please request a copy of our Gallery Hire information to find out more about this.

If you have any queries please contact our Visual Arts Officer, Indra Geidans on (08) 6 820 3740.



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