

Arlington Center for the Arts
Arlington Friends of the Drama Exhibition Program
Application Guidelines

Arlington Center for the Arts is seeking proposals for exhibitions to be installed in the lobby of the Arlington Friends of the Drama Theater at 22 Academy Street. This exciting partnership between ACA and AFD provides opportunities for artists to present their work in multidisciplinary context. Successful proposals will relate to the themes, concepts, and imagery presented in each production of the annual AFD season.

- This opportunity is open to curators and visual artists
- Exhibition proposals should include 4-12 pieces of art from one (1) or more artists
- Applicants are required to visit the site before submitting a proposal (contact Pam Shanley to schedule a time to visit the space)

Decision Criteria:

- Quality of the artwork to be shown
- Connection to one of the productions included in the current Arlington Friends of the Drama production season
- Clarity of concept: Proposed exhibitions must articulate a clear central idea, convincingly supported by the work included. This idea, or thesis, must be expressed in a brief curator's statement of concept. This is required whether the central idea is simply strong aesthetic resonance between works in a single medium or complex theoretical or academic dialogue presented across multiple media.

Preparing your Application

Materials Required:

- Resume of Curator/Artist
- Exhibit Concept Statement
- Select the Production with which this exhibit will coincide
 - *Hand to God* (November 15-24, 2019) SUGGESTED EXHIBIT DATES: November 1 - December 2, 2019
 - *Love's Labour's Lost* (March 6-22, 2020) SUGGESTED EXHIBIT DATES: February 28 - March 30, 2020
 - *Gypsy* (May 1-17, 2020) SUGGESTED EXHIBIT DATES: April 17 - May 26, 2020
- Statement of how the proposed exhibit relates to the selected production
- Up to 10 images of artist work

ACA's Commitments:

For successful proposals, ACA will provide:

- Public relations support such as press releases to press venues and emails to our 6,000+ person mailing list, and posts to our social media feeds
- Gallery labels
- Physical assistance in preparing the space and installing the work
- An opening reception with refreshments
- A 30% Sales Commission will be taken from all Art Sales (70% remitted to the Artist)

ACA will NOT provide:

- Gallery staffing
- Transportation of artwork
- Additional construction or provisions of gallery fixtures beyond what is available at AFD
- Additional insurance

Eligibility:

All artists and curators are eligible regardless of race, ethnicity, gender identity and expression, belief, national origin, sexual orientation or physical abilities. Artists and curators from the greater Boston area are encouraged to apply. All applicants must be age 18 and up.

Please keep in mind that the ACA does not pay for additional insurance, travel expenses or shipping of artwork. Proposals will not be successful if they require financial support.

Statement of Accessibility: The facility is not handicap accessible and does not have regular operating hours. Visitors will have access to the space during AFD productions, any receptions for the exhibition, and upon request.