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Yerba Buena Center for the Arts Announces Open Call Opportunities for Artists and Curators



SAN FRANCISCO (September 12, 2019)—Yerba Buena Center for the Arts (YBCA) is pleased to announce the launch of two new [open call](#) opportunities for Bay Area artists and curators. From **September 12 to October 20, 2019**, YBCA is seeking proposals for a mural on the wavy wall of its Theater building on 3rd Street and exhibition proposals for its 2nd Floor galleries. The call is open to curators, artists, and any individual or collective regardless of experience level, background, or location whose practice or works center art as essential to progress.

“YBCA is where creativity, people, and new ideas collide to create change. Through these two opportunities we seek to support and cultivate artists who are working to support societal movement,” **adds YBCA CEO Deborah Cullinan.** “The call also aims to showcase and support the vital and thriving creative community here in the Bay Area by providing an entry point to present at one of the nation’s most innovative contemporary arts centers.”

Open Call Opportunities

Third Street Wavy Wall

YBCA is calling for artist proposals to create a mural on the wavy wall of its Theater building on 3rd Street, a highly traveled connective corridor where bicyclists, pedestrians, cars, buses, international travelers, convention attendees, workers, and families pass through. We are looking for a visual story that is uniquely San Francisco, and that speaks to the role that art plays in progress and its impact on the well-being of our communities. As an organization that believes that art is essential to progress, YBCA looks to engage artists whose work aims to address the health and well-being of communities. This is an opportunity to make a distinct impression that celebrates the role of art and creativity in our diverse and changing city. Three finalists will be identified by **October 28, 2019**, and will be asked to further develop their proposals. The selected artist will be notified in November, with installation to start the week of **February 3, 2020**. An artist fee will be awarded to the selected artist and finalists will be compensated for their proposals.

2nd Floor Gallery Spaces

For its second floor gallery spaces, YBCA is seeking curatorial proposals that range from a discrete project space of 760 square feet to up to a more expansive exhibition space comprised of 3,500 square feet. YBCA seeks interdisciplinary or multidisciplinary proposals, especially those that focus on art as essential to progress and take into consideration the following prompts: Census 2020; art and health; youth and leadership; climate change; new economies, equity, and shared prosperity; and civic participation and democracy. Under the leadership of **YBCA's Director of Program Dorothy Dávila**, the works will be selected by five jurors who are leading experts in the fields of visual arts, performing arts, film, and civic engagement. The jurors will prioritize diversity, equity, inclusion, and access in the selection process. The panel includes President of the Wildflowers Institute, **Hanmin Liu**; Independent Curator, **Astria Suparak**; and Executive Director of Root Division, **Michelle Mansour**. The panel will also include **Rebeka Rodriguez**, YBCA's Civic Engagement Manager, and **Isabel Yrigoyen**, YBCA's Curator of Performing Arts.

Selected proposals will receive up to a \$3,000 curatorial stipend plus artist fees, and production and shipping support. Applicants will be notified by **November 8, 2019** with the first exhibition opening **June 18, 2020**.

ABOUT YERBA BUENA CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Yerba Buena Center for the Arts (YBCA) is one of the nation's most innovative contemporary arts centers. Founded in 1993, YBCA's mission is to generate culture that moves people. Through powerful art experiences, thoughtful and provocative content, and deep opportunities for participation, YBCA is committed to creating an inclusive culture that awakens personal and societal transformation. YBCA presents a wide variety of programming year-round, including performing arts, visual arts, and civic engagement. For tickets and information, call 415.978.ARTS (2787). For more information, visit ybca.org.

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