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Artist Open Call



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Introduction

To celebrate International Women's Day 2022, 'a space' arts are hosting a silent auction of artworks by female identifying artists, with a two week exhibition at our flagship venue, God's House Tower (GHT).

Each contributing artist will create an A4 image, which could be a photograph, a drawing, a print, a collage or a printed digital artwork inspired by a female identifying artist who has influenced their artistic practice. To accompany the artwork, artists will be asked to write 50 -100 words about their chosen artist.

These artworks will be exhibited in the Crawford Room at GHT over two weekends in the lead up to International Women's Day. During that time, visitors will be able to bid in a silent auction to buy any of the works. For each artwork sold 50% of the proceeds will go to the artist who made the work and 50% will be donated to Yellow Door, a Southampton-based charity that prevents and responds to domestic and sexual abuse.

On Tuesday 8th March, there will be an event at GHT during which any final bids can be made and exhibiting artists can meet and celebrate. There will be an announcement about how much money has been raised but individual sales and prices will be kept private. Any unsold works will be returned to the artist via post.

The Brief

- Nominate a female identifying artist who has influenced your practice
- Create a drawing or image inspired by that artist
- Write between 50 - 100 words to accompany the work

Timeline

Monday 13th December - Monday 7th February > Open Call

Monday 7th February > Deadline for submissions

Friday 25th February - Sunday 6th March > Exhibition at GHT

Tuesday 8th March > Closing event

Submission process

All submissions will be exhibited. Please only submit one work.

To submit a work, please send the following to Mia Delve at mia@spacearts.org.uk and 'a space' arts, Tower House, Town Quay Road, Southampton, SO14 2NY by **Monday 7th February at 9am.**

- Your name and contact details (email address and phone number)
- The name of your chosen artist
- Your A4 image. Please send the physical artwork via post unframed, or delivered to 'a space' in person.
- A digital copy via email.

- 50-100 words about the work and your chosen artist.

If you have any questions, please contact Mia Delve at mia@aspacearts.org.uk or [023 8033 8778](tel:02380338778)

Access

As an organisation we actively look to reduce barriers for artists applying for our opportunities and commissions, and we are committed to being fair, accessible, transparent and inclusive.

We offer a range of access support for artists, including alternative formats for information we release and submissions we receive as well as an artist access fund; please contact us so that we can discuss your individual needs and provide appropriate support for your application or project. Please either email us on enquiries@aspacearts.org.uk or call 023 80 338 778

For more information about this work please visit - aspacearts.org.uk/about-us

About GHT

God's House Tower (GHT) opened to the public in September 2019 with a dynamic programme of exhibitions, events and activities. Through inventive and imaginative programming GHT shares and celebrates its' own special Southampton story through the permanent exhibition 'stories behind the stones.' Our changing programme of exhibitions and activities create opportunities for artists and audiences, open up conversations and create access for those facing barriers to heritage and culture. The programme empowers communities to be creators and develop a lifelong interest in arts and culture, along with diversifying Southampton's creative community and creating role models to inspire a new generation of diverse creative communities in the city.

For more information about GHT please visit - godshousetower.org.uk

About 'a space' arts

Established in 2000, by artists for artists, 'a space' arts is the visual arts organisation leading on a range of artist development projects, including the Arches and Tower House studios, God's House Tower, the RIPE programme, along with offering a bespoke range of Artist Resources.

Artist development at the heart of all of our projects and we deliver our mission of supporting visual artists and inspiring audiences in enterprising ways. All of our work and venues including Victorian railway arches and Medieval monuments supporting delivering our mission. The organisation is a registered charity and an Arts Council England National Portfolio Organisation.

For more further information and an overview of our work please visit - aspacearts.org.uk

For project specific information please visit - godshousetower.org.uk and ripesouthampton.org.uk

Anti-racism

To further our mission we are taking proactive steps to becoming an anti-racist organisation. We have pledged to deliver a number of commitments through our Anti-Racism Action Plan over the next two years along with a series of activities to bring immediate benefits to global majority artists. We feel this combination of working towards long-term change and immediate action can make a real difference to Southampton's global majority visual artists and we plan to continue working on this dual approach.

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