



2021 ALASKA CONTEMPORARY ART BANK

CALL FOR ART

The Alaska State Council on the Arts is requesting applications of visual artwork to purchase for the Alaska Contemporary Art Bank. Alaskan artists are invited to submit up to 6 recent works in any media. Purchased works become part of a lending collection displayed throughout state public areas. All entries must be done through www.callforentry.org, search for 'Alaska Contemporary Art Bank' on that site. Only works priced at and under \$4,000 will be considered. **Deadline for application is 9:59 PM AKT, October 31, 2021**

ABOUT

The Alaska Contemporary Art Bank (ACAB) was founded in 1975 by the Alaska State Council on the Arts and was created with two primary goals: to expose more Alaskans to high quality work by contemporary Alaskan artists through the loaning of original art to public offices throughout Alaska, and to provide support to artists in Alaska through purchase of their work. The collection has grown to more than 700 art works in a wide variety of media, styles and subject matter. Although the art is the same as that collected by museums, the purpose of the Art Bank is to provide a circulating collection of Alaskan artwork to exhibit in public areas other than museums.

Works submitted to the 2021 ACAB call for art will be selected for purchase by the ACSA's Visual Arts Advisory Committee (VAAC). VAAC is a statewide group of artists and arts administrators who meet periodically to advise the Arts Council in policy and art acquisition. Selected artworks are then recommended to and approved for purchase by the Arts Council. Artwork is purchased directly from the artist, not an intermediary entity such as a gallery or agent. Under State of Alaska regulations, VAAC and Arts Council members are not eligible to apply for Art Bank acquisitions.

Art Bank artworks are loaned out for display in public areas owned and operated by the State of Alaska, University of Alaska departments, the State Legislature and in the offices of the Alaskan members of the U. S. Congress. Artwork must be durable and appropriate for public areas. ASCA provides labels that identify the artist and artwork title to accompany the pieces.

To view examples of previous Art Bank purchases, visit arts.alaska.gov/artbank.

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QUALIFICATIONS *Please read carefully*

- Applicants must be an Alaskan resident, or an Alaskan resident at time the work was created
- Work must have been created in the last five years
- All applications must be submitted through CaFE; no paper applications will be accepted
- Artwork must be original and not a reproduction or a copyright violation
- To be considered, works must be priced no higher than \$4,000

ARTWORK REVIEW CONSIDERATIONS

- All media will be considered, but priority may be given to types of works most in demand by the loan program.
- Due to the demand of shipping and display in public areas, the work must be durable; 2-D works must be framed with hanging devices and 3-D works must be self-supporting. Please price your work accordingly.
- Imagery must be generally suitable for display in public buildings.

SUBMISSION

- Artists can submit up to 6 images of artwork that are available for purchase. Alternate images of the same piece are included in the 6 total; please label as such (i.e. detail, alternate view, etc.)
- ASCA will pay for the shipping of artworks selected for Alaska Contemporary Art Bank purchase; the artist will be responsible for packing and securing delivery of the artwork to the ASCA office.
- **The deadline for submitting applications is 9:59 PM AKT, October 31, 2021.** Artists will be notified of acceptance approximately five weeks after the call closes (tentative).

Have a question or need assistance with the application process?

Contact Jade Aldridge at jade.aldridge@alaska.gov or (907) 269-6607

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