



ARTS COUNCIL OF NEW WESTMINSTER

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At the Arts Council of New Westminster, we live and work on the unceded, traditional territories of the Coast Salish peoples of the QayQayt (qiqéyt) Nation as well as all Coast Salish Nations.

RIVERFEST
EXHIBITION APPLICATION PACKAGE

CALL FOR ARTISTS 2019

The Arts Council of New Westminster in partnership with the Fraser River Discover Centre is now inviting all visual artists from Metro Vancouver to submit applications for a group exhibition during the opening night of the 2019 edition of RiverFest. The exhibition is to take place on September 18 & 19, 2019 in the rotunda and lobby at the Fraser River Discover Centre in New Westminster, BC. The theme of the exhibition is the working river and its natural environment. This call is open to applications from both established and emerging artists.

The Arts Council wishes to highlight how diverse our community is, and in order to break down any exclusionary barriers and create a platform for marginalized voices, artists on the LGBTQ spectrum, non-binary artists, artists of colour, Indigenous artists, and disabled artists, are strongly encouraged to submit.

**Submissions will be received up to 4:00pm on
Friday June 28, 2019**



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Overview:

RiverFest is a FREE family-friendly festival, and a great way to enjoy a beautiful fall day along the mighty Fraser River. The 2019 festival will take place from September 23-28, 2019.

The week-long event starts on Wednesday, September 23th with a special RiverFest edition of FRDC's curriculum-based RiverSchool for three lucky elementary school classes. That is followed the next day by our *click* photos of the Fraser exhibit unveiling, whose photograph theme this year is Movement. The climax of the week is Saturday, which will include the Family Fun Zone (inside the FRDC), Artisans on the River (with New West Craft), the Samson V Maritime Museum, the Lucille Johnstone Workboat Parade.

The Arts Council of New Westminister aims to have exhibitions that feature a variety of visual arts by a wide range of artists from the Metro Vancouver region. The exhibition program aims to reflect both the cultural and artistic diversity of contemporary art and to serve as an educational forum for the citizens of New Westminister and surrounding communities.

The exhibition will feature a private reception with exhibiting artists and private guests on Wednesday September 18 at the Fraser River Discovery Centre. The exhibition will be open to the public from 10am -4pm on Thursday September 18th.

Artwork must be suitably framed, ready for hanging, or, if three-dimensional, appropriately mounted or otherwise ready for presentation.

Eligibility:

- To apply to this Call, you are not required to be a member of the Arts Council of New Westminister.
- To exhibit, you must be a current member of the Arts Council of New Westminister at the time of the exhibition.

Budget:

- The Council does not charge for exhibiting, nor does it pay an artist to exhibit. The Council will don't receive any commission on sales of work during the exhibition.



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How to Apply for an Exhibition:

The Arts Council's Gallery Exhibitions Selection Committee (GESC) will meet in July 2019 to consider applications for the exhibition. A well-prepared proposal helps in the selection.

To be considered at the next GESC meeting, please submit the following:

- A selection of 3 digital images of proposed work you wish to exhibit. Digital images should be jpg format at 150 dpi; each image should be a maximum of 800 x 600 pixels. Image files should be clearly labelled with your **Name, the Title of Work, Size** in inches and **Medium**. Example: Artist-Title-Size-Medium.jpg
- Contact information (mailing address, phone number, email, website). In this document, please provide a clear and concise statement explaining which space you are applying for (Main, Lower, Both)
- An Artist Statement giving your aims and objectives as an artist in relation to your work.
- A Curriculum Vitae (3 pages max.) to establish a better understanding of your background and experience.

Please include all written material as PDF files and submit via email to info@acnw.ca with "**Exhibition Submission – RiverFest**" in the subject line. Please ensure that attachments total less than 5MB.

Deadlines for submission is 4:00pm on Friday June 28, 2019. Applications will not be rolled over for future exhibitions.

The Selection/Exhibition Process:

The GESC will meet in July 2019 to consider all applications received. All applications will receive a reply by email, stating whether the work has been accepted. If your application has been successful, you will be contacted by telephone, exhibition details will be confirmed, and a contract will be sent to you. This contract will outline your responsibilities and providing other details and dates. A signed contract is required before the exhibition can proceed.



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Application Tips:

- Be sure that all documents include your name, a working title of the proposed exhibition and complete contact information; phone number, email address, website and postal code.
- Email submissions are preferred. For physical submissions, please phone the gallery at 604-525-3244 for equitable access procedures.
- DO NOT send composite images or prepared slideshows
- Please test all documents on a PC computer to ensure compatibility

Submit your application via email to: info@acnw.ca

Estimated Timeline:

May 1	Call to Artists Launched
June 28, 2019	Deadline to submit
July	Gallery Exhibition Selection Committee meets
July	Artists contacted
August	Exhibition dates confirmed, contracts signed and returned
September 2019	Exhibition at the Fraser River Discover Centre

Contact:

All enquiries should be directed to:
Stephen O'Shea, Executive Director
Phone: 604 525 3244
info@acnw.ca

For more information about the Arts Council of New Westminster, visit www.acnw.ca/gallery
For more information about RiverFest, visit www.fraserriverdiscovery.org/RiverFest



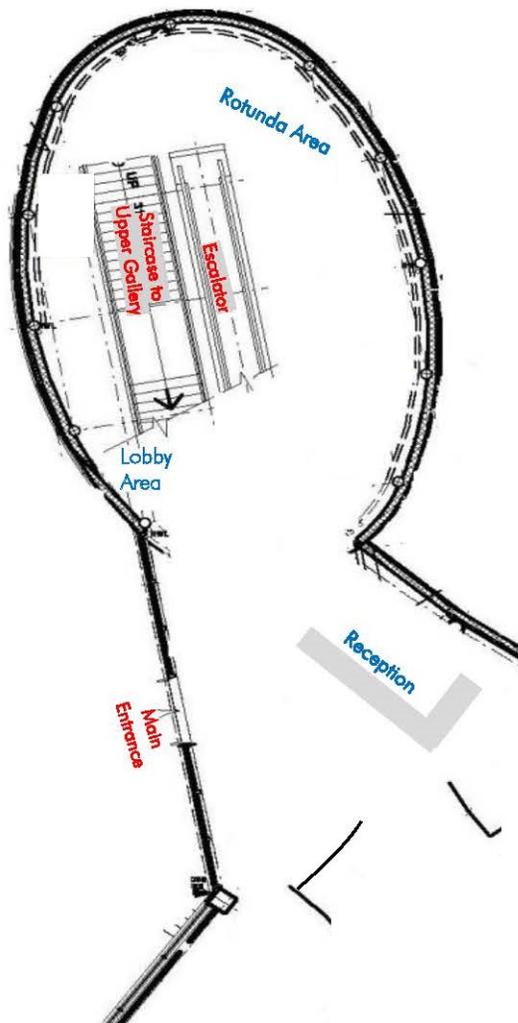
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Fraser River Discovery Centre First Floor Plan - Lower Gallery



Technical Information:

- The FRDC has a Loading Bay. All shipments of artwork must fit through the Main Entrance (34"x80").
- All 2-dimensional artwork will be displayed on easels. Track lighting is available in both spaces.
- The exhibition has an assortment of plinths to display 3-dimensional artwork.
- A limited selection of tools and equipment can be provided by The Gallery. Other requirements are the responsibility of the artist.
- Please note that the main floor of the FRDC is an accessible space with an at-grade entrance.
- For individuals with environmental sensitivities and/or environmental illnesses, the space is operated in a scent-reduced manner.