

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Riverwalk Art Program is seeking artworks for exhibition for up to six months in the interior public spaces of the new Riverwalk Casino and Hotel.

Art should—literally or in the abstract—address a Sense of Place: the Mississippi River, Vicksburg, and the Region. Art may be offered for sale with Riverwalk reserving the right of first refusal.

There is no commission on sales. No entry fee is required. Art submissions can include paintings, drawings, original prints, photographs, and small relief sculpture.

BACKGROUND

Riverwalk Casino and Hotel is a new, multi-use development facing the Mississippi River in Vicksburg. The riverside park is a premier design element, unique among Vicksburg's commercial properties.

In the future, the Riverwalk Art Program may extend to other areas of the development. One of the goals of the Riverwalk Casino and Hotel is to utilize its facilities and other assets to provide increased access to the arts, for an enhanced experience for patrons and the public, and a revenue opportunity for participating artists.

ELIGIBILITY

The competition is open to professional artists residing in Mississippi and Louisiana within 80 miles of Vicksburg.

SCHEDULE

August 22
September 10-11

Deadline for applications
Jury convenes for selection

September 22
October 27
January 2009

Artists' notification
Artwork delivered
An event to introduce the Art Program and showcase inaugural phase art

TO APPLY, SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING

CD: submit up to 10 images with the following specifications:

File Format: Submit only high quality JPEGs (do not use GIFs, TIFs, or other formats).

Image Size: Images must be 1920 pixels on the longest side.

File Size: Files must be less than 5 MB.

File Labeling: Files must be titled with a number indicating the viewing order, followed by the artist's last name. Use "0" in front of single digit numbers. Do not use more than 30 characters, and use only letters, numbers, and underscores. Example: 01_Smith; 01_Smith

If using MAC OS 8 or 9, include a ".jpg" extension at the end of each image title. Example: 01_Smith.jpg

TO ACCOMPANY THE CD:

- Annotated Work Sample List: A list that indicates the order in which work samples should be reviewed with corresponding information about each artwork, including artist's name, artwork title, medium, dimensions (h" x w" x d"), and a brief description of the artwork.

- One-page resume with career highlights

- Return envelope and postage (stamps only), unless material is to be picked up

Applicants will be notified by mail of the final selection. CDs will be returned with the notification.

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SELECTION CRITERIA

- Strong aesthetic merit and technical quality
- Appropriateness to the site, aesthetically and conceptually, and potential impact on the environment
- Feasibility of installation
- Maintainability, durability, and preservation requirements
- Potential liability, based on susceptibility of the artwork to wear, vandalism, and potential danger to the public
- Delivered work must be identical to image submitted

AGREEMENT

Entering this competition constitutes agreement with all the conditions in the prospectus.

SELECTION PROCESS

The Riverwalk Art Program Panel will review submitted materials and select individual artworks for the exhibition. The ownership of Riverwalk Casino and Hotel will advise the Panel and have final approval.

The Panel and Riverwalk owners reserve the right not to select any of the artworks.



LIABILITY

Riverwalk Casino and Hotel will enter into loan agreements with artists and will insure the work during exhibition, but will assume no responsibility for works in transit or for damage incurred as a result of installation. Artists are responsible for shipping and handling and may wish to carry their own insurance to cover these activities.

NOTE

Due to the length of the exhibition, and the 24/7 nature of casino lighting, fiber works and works on paper may be susceptible to fading. 2-Dimensional hanging art must have D rings. All selections (except fiber) should be framed or painted-edge gallery wrapped.

THE RIVERWALK ART ADVISORY PANEL

- C. Keith Alford, Artist; Gallery Owner
- Beth Batton, Curator, Mississippi Museum of Art
- Lyn Kartiganer, Artist; Public Art Consultant
- Gwendolyn Magee, Artist
- Monika Mayr, Superintendent, Vicksburg National Military Park
- Albert Sperath, Artist; Director, University Museum and Historic Houses, Oxford
- Mary Lynn Thomas, Riverwalk Art Program Coordinator
- Robert Ward, Artist; Retired Art Professor
- Malcolm White, Executive Director, Mississippi Arts Commission

SEND APPLICATIONS AND/OR DIRECT INQUIRIES TO:

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