



CALL FOR EXHIBITION PROPOSALS

Four Corners-area visual artists and curators are invited to submit exhibition proposals for several available slots in the Cortez Cultural Center's 2020/21 gallery calendar. **Proposals are due on April 24, 2020.**

We welcome solo, group, and themed exhibition proposals from emerging and established artists in most visual media (drawing, painting, printmaking, photography, sculpture, ceramics, artists' books, mixed media). Works in some visual media, such as large-scale installation or video, may not be feasible given our gallery's physical limitations.

While any theme may be considered, the Cortez Cultural Center is interested in exhibiting artwork that is regionally relevant and/or takes on issues of particular regional concern. We are committed to diversity in all our programming decisions and strive to showcase artists who are representative of our region's population. Native American visual artists residing within eligible counties are especially welcome and encouraged to apply.

ABOUT THE CORTEZ CULTURAL CENTER

The Cortez Cultural Center is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) member-supported organization originally founded in 1987. Located in downtown Cortez, our multipurpose building encompasses a gift and book shop, art gallery, outdoor amphitheater, and classroom/meeting space. We are also the steward of Hawkins Preserve, a 122-acre natural and archaeological preserve located within Cortez city limits. Our programs are aimed at increasing cultural understanding, promoting the arts, and educating participants about our region's history, diversity, and natural environment.

ABOUT THE GALLERY

The Cultural Center gallery has a footprint of approximately 547 square feet in size and is equipped with a track lighting system. Currently, we have 548 square feet of wall space for two-dimensional work. Pedestals are available for three-dimensional work.

ELIGIBILITY

All artwork must be original in concept and execution. Geographic eligibility is limited to artists and curators age 18 and older, who reside and/or work in the Four Corners region as specified below:

Colorado: Montezuma, Dolores, La Plata, and San Juan Counties

New Mexico: San Juan County

Utah: San Juan County

Arizona: Apache County

PROPOSAL DEADLINE AND EXHIBITION PERIODS

For 2020/21 consideration, proposals should be submitted by April 24, 2020. Most exhibitions will have a run time of 3-4 weeks, roughly coinciding with the 12 calendar months.

SELECTION PROCESS

All proposals will be reviewed by the Cultural Center's Arts Director to confirm eligibility; eligible proposals will be forwarded to the gallery committee for final selection.

DELIVERY AND PRESENTATION

Artists are required to transport their works to and from the gallery. We do not receive or return shipped artwork. The Cultural Center's Arts Director will install exhibitions and create labels for all works exhibited. Two-dimensional work must be framed and securely wired for hanging.

PUBLICITY AND SALES

All work must be offered for sale. The Cortez Cultural Center will retain a 40% commission on exhibition sales.

The Cultural Center will publicize exhibitions by 1) creating and distributing a print exhibition poster or postcard, 2) submitting exhibition information to regional media outlets, and 3) featuring exhibitions on the Cortez Cultural Center website and social media pages. The Cultural Center reserves the right to use images of accepted art work for these publicity purposes.

HOW TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL

Submit proposals via email to CCC Arts Director Hillary McMahan:
hillary@cortezculturalcenter.org

Please use "exhibition proposal" as the subject line of your email, and be sure to include the following items:

- 1) In the email body or as an attachment, provide a list of all artists included in the proposed exhibition. Please provide each artist's full name, phone number, mailing address, and email address if available.
- 2) In the email body or as an attachment, provide a short statement summarizing the theme or intent of your proposed exhibition (max. 500 words).
- 3) Attach ten to twelve high-quality digital images of the work you wish to exhibit, in JPG, PNG, EPS, or PDF format.
- 4) Attach a list of images submitted. Include title, media, dimensions, and retail price for each.

QUESTIONS?

Please contact Hillary McMahan:
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