



CALL FOR ARTISTS:

Los Artistas del Barrio's Annual Exhibit at the Niagara Arts & Cultural Center



Left: Aileen Gonzalez-Marti, *Proud*, oil on canvas.

Center: Mara Odette, *La Mer*, yellow resin sculpture on onyx.

Right: Clarimar Galarza, *Los Reyes Magos*, 2020, ceramic.

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NIAGARA FALLS, NY - The Niagara Arts & Cultural Center (NACC) is excited to share a new **Open Call** exhibition in continued partnership with Los Artistas del Barrio Buffalo (LADBB) for our *Beyond Borders Annual Exhibit*, curated by Michele Agosto and Aileen Gonzalez-Marti. *Beyond Borders* celebrates and showcases the artwork of Latino/a/x artists from across Western New York.

This exhibition will be on view October 1-November 25 in the NACC's Townsend Gallery on the first floor of the historic, multi-arts site. Please join us for a reception honoring the artists and artwork within this exhibit on Sunday, October 1, 2023, 2:00-4:00 PM.

With this exhibition **LADBB** and the **NACC** offer a platform to connect to culture apart from judgment. This Call for Work is open to all forms of expression. By doing so, we aim to foster tolerance for differences and bring people together. If you are interested in participating, ask yourself... How does my art or my experiences connect with Hispanic Culture? Applicants need not be Hispanic or Latinx, but we ask that artwork celebrates and relates to these cultures to be considered for inclusion.

30% of artwork sales go to the NACC in support of long-term projects. Artworks submitted for consideration with this exhibit are required to be for sale.

3-D and 2-D work of all genres, mediums, and artistic interpretations will be accepted for the exhibit. Artwork must be delivered in "ready-to-hang" condition, or it will not be exhibited.

This exhibit is sponsored by The New York State Council on the Arts, in partnership with the Niagara Arts & Cultural Center, The Niagara Falls National Heritage Area, the Community Foundation of Western New York, KeyBank, and the John R. Oishei Foundation.

Timeline

- September 18-23, 2023: Artwork can be delivered to the NACC from 10:00 AM-5:00 PM
- September 23, 2023: Open Call closes
- Sunday, October 1, 2023, 2:00-4:00 PM: Exhibit Opening Reception
- November 25, 2023: Exhibit closes
- November 27-December 1: Artworks can be picked-up from the Townsend Gallery at NACC daily from 10:00 AM-5:00 PM, or by appointment.

How to Participate

- **Email four artwork samples as jpegs with information** (artist's name, title, date, media, dimensions and price) to dana@thenacc.org. This information will be passed along to the exhibit's guest curators.
- Accepted artwork must be delivered to the Niagara Arts & Cultural Center and individually labeled with the ARTIST'S FIRST NAME, LAST NAME, TITLE OF ARTWORK, YEAR COMPLETED, MEDIA, AND SALE PRICE IN READY-TO-HANG CONDITION.
- Failure to conform to these guidelines will result in disqualification from the exhibit.

About Los Artistas del Barrio Buffalo

Los Artistas Del Barrio Buffalo exhibits, promotes, and supports Latino/a/x and Hispanic artists of all genres located in and connected to Buffalo and Western New York. Los Artistas Del Barrio Buffalo's mission is to function as an arts collective that highlights the talents and creativity of Latino/a/x and Hispanic artists of every discipline in our community.

About the Niagara Arts & Cultural Center

As the largest multi-arts center in upstate New York, the Niagara Arts & Cultural Center (NACC) hosts a diverse group of 98 artists and makers, two public art galleries, three theaters, four local history exhibits, a radio station, a certified sound stage & movie production facility, the Niagara Falls High School alumni center, as well as the Starry Night Café & Gift Shop.

The NACC is located at 1201 Pine Avenue in the City of Niagara Falls, New York.

Gallery Hours for the Townsend Gallery, Kudela Garden Gallery, and permanent exhibits within the building are from 12:00pm-5:00pm daily, excluding holidays.

Additional information for galleries, exhibitions, and opportunities can be found at www.thenacc.org.

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