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Call for Artists

Pop-up Art Show / Fall 2022

Richland Library seeks submissions for outdoor exhibition series.

About the Exhibition:

Aiming to connect the community with local working artists, Richland Library is providing creative and educational opportunities to the community in ways that support cultural and artistic exchange.

Underserved and minority artists will be given physical and digital exposure through a series of curbside exhibitions outside of various Richland Library locations accompanied by virtual artist lectures and performances.

This project will create a democratized system for artist participation that elevates underserved artists to lead community initiatives through community conversations.

Conceived and co-organized by local visual artist Jeff Rivers*, this project seeks to expand the social and economic participation of underserved artists.

"We must dig deeper within our community's roots, and create visible space for artists to interact with the public in fulfillment of their roles as nodes of culture. As such, the purpose of this project is to expand the role of the artist not just as a creator but as a service provider to the community." –Jeff Rivers

Eligibility Considerations:

Our Pop-up Art Shows are intended to highlight the work of local BIPOC artists and their unique personal ties to the specific communities where our libraries are located. We are looking for work that speak to the community's roots, culture and citizenry.

Submission Guidelines:

Artists will submit 5 examples (jpgs) of works to artful@richlandlibrary.com, along with a head shot, artist bio, choice of library location, and a brief summary of their specific connection to that community.

Submission Deadlines:

September 1st, 2022 (to exhibit at Richland Library North Main, Northeast)

October 15th, 2022 (to exhibit at Richland Library Southeast)



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Exhibition Dates:

Up to two artists will be selected to exhibit on each of the following dates:

September 17th, 2022 – Richland Library North Main, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

October 15th, 2022 – Richland Library Northeast 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

November 19th, 2022 – Richland Library Southeast 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Participating Library Locations:

Artists will be selected to exhibit at one of the following locations:

Southeast

7421 GARNERS FERRY ROAD
COLUMBIA, SC 29209

North Main

5306 NORTH MAIN STREET
COLUMBIA, SC 29203

Northeast

7490 PARKLANE ROAD
COLUMBIA, SC 29223



Meet Jeff Rivers:

Jeff Rivers is an African American, self-taught visual artist, designer, and community advocate who works to empower minority groups through social impact art programs and street art. Rivers' mission as an artist is to fill the cracks of need and education within the Columbia community and to provide a sustainable and impactful service through his visual art practice. Rivers believes it is his duty as an artist to give back and engage the community on an aesthetic and intellectual level that is accessible to marginalized populations. Through community advocacy and his visual art practice, Rivers works to increase access to art education and exhibition spaces for people of color. Rivers is an active arts educator who has worked across Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Washington D.C. Rivers' professional educator practice is centered around youth art programs; social impact art projects, school murals, and education workshops.

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