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## Call for Artists

Pop-up Art Show / Spring 2024

***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, LGBTQ or otherwise underserved artists and their unique personal ties to our community. We are looking for work that speaks to the community's roots, culture and citizenry.

### Submission Guidelines:

Artists will submit 5 examples (jpgs) of works to [Artful@RichlandLibrary.com](mailto: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 Timeline:

Submissions will be taken up to a week before each exhibition date. Two artists will be chosen for each date on a first come, first served basis.



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### Exhibition Dates:

*Up to 2 artists will be selected to exhibit on each of the following dates:*

**March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024**, Richland Library Wheatley 11-1pm

**April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024** - First Thursday on Main @ Boyd Plaza, 5:30-9pm

\*This will be a Special Exhibition in partnership with the Columbia Museum of Art and Columbia's monthly First Thursday on Main event.

**May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024** - Richland Library Main, 11am – 1pm

### Participating Library Locations:

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

#### **Main**

1431 ASSEMBLY ST.  
COLUMBIA, SC 29201

#### **Wheatley**

931 Woodrow St  
Columbia, SC 29205

#### **Columbia Museum of Art**

1515 MAIN ST.  
Columbia, SC 29201



#### **\*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.