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SAM Request for Proposal for Shows

SAM is excited to hear from artists, artisans, patrons and art enthusiasts about the shows they are interested in presenting in either the Gallery or Museum spaces. Exhibitions generally remain on display for two months and are scheduled to open on the second Saturday of each month.

The Siskiyou Arts Museum strives to enrich the lives of artists, residents and visitors to Siskiyou County through exhibition, sale and interpretation of the visual, literary and performing arts by presenting events and programs that will educate, strengthen, serve and sustain our community.

Once we receive your proposal it will be reviewed by the Curatorial Committee and approved by the SAM Board of Directors. You will be notified within 30 to 60 days from the date you submit your proposal.

The criteria for judging will focus on the degree of technical skill, aesthetic qualities, historical or educational significance, audience appeal, and alignment with SAM's mission.

There is no deadline; proposals will be reviewed throughout the year.

Submit an exhibition idea by answering the following questions to the best of your understanding:

What space is your proposal being submitted for? (Please check one.)

____ Gallery: Large room in front, with windows that face the street. Approx.: 71 linear feet of wall space and 800 sq. ft. of floor space. Artist fees are 60% to the artists and 40% to SAM. All work must be for sale. The SAM Curatorial Committee invites gallery exhibits of the recent works of local and regional artists, exhibits that will enrich residents and visitors, strengthen and sustain the arts, artists and artisans in our community.

____ Museum: Smaller, back room with easy flow from the Gallery and deck access. Approx.: 73 linear ft. of wall space and 528 sq. ft. of floor space. Artist fees are 60% to the artists and 40% to SAM. No work needs to be for sale but saleable pieces are encouraged. The SAM Curatorial Committee invites museum exhibits of cultural and historical relevance and retrospectives of noted regional artists.

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Email _____

Phone – the best number to reach you during business hours _____

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Project Narrative: Give us a brief description of your thesis in 3 to 4 sentences. Make your best pitch for your show idea. If the show is an invitational, what is the theme or intention of the show? Let us know how the space will be used.

Artists' List: Name and medium of participating artists and where they are from. If your show is an invitational tell us who the primary artists will be. If this is to be an "Open Call," based upon around a particular theme, who will be the jurors? Briefly tell us about the artists.

Putting on a successful art show with 2nd Saturday Art opening requires resources and organization. SAM expects the artist(s) and/or exhibition team to work closely with SAM's staff to hang, present, and market the show. We would like to know which of the following resources you are bringing to the table. Please check all that apply to your show proposal.

_____ Yes, the artist(s), understand I/we will work with SAM staff to hang and present the show.

_____ Yes, the artist(s), will work closely with SAM's staff to market and promote the show.

_____ Yes, the artist(s), can pay for the design, printing and mailing of postcards and posters for our show.

_____ Yes, the artist(s), will give SAM staff information for press releases and help to promote this show.

_____ Yes, the artist(s), will work with SAM to hire musicians for the opening.

SAM needs all press and publicity information 8 weeks prior to your opening.

Other:

Who is your target audience? Does this proposed show have special interest to a particular group of people? What is the historical or cultural significance (if any) that might attract an audience to the proposed show?

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If the exhibit is for Gallery space, what is the price range of the artwork that will be displayed in the exhibit?

Please include a short paragraph about how you feel the proposed show will benefit SAM.

In keeping with our mission, SAM will work to generate interest in our gallery and museum shows and exhibitions. How will you help? Please check all that apply.

Yes, I can present a demonstration

Yes, I can make a presentation to a school group

Yes, I will have a prepared Artist's Talk or will present at an Artist's Salon.

Yes, I have a film that goes with this exhibition.

Other:

Please email 3 jpegs from each of the primary artist(s) involved with the proposed show to siskyouartsmuseum@gmail.com and type PROPOSAL in the subject line. Title each jpeg with the artist's name, medium, and year completed. Images should be no larger than 500k or 5"x7"
Many thanks for your proposal. You will hear from us soon. As a volunteer and membership supported organization, your help is vital to our efforts to fulfill our mission.