



**Northern Illinois
University**

NIU Art Museum

A Call for Entries

Transparent Factors (in Form and Content)

As an extension of the Northern Illinois University Art Museum's mission to present contemporary art through the platform of thematic exhibitions, the Art Museum is requesting calls for entries for its 2018 – 2019 exhibition calendar.

Exhibition Theme

Transparent Factors (in Form and Content)

This exhibition will examine the spectrum of interpretation of the word “transparency”; from the literal to the figurative. Artists who explore both the visual phenomenon of transparency and the concept of “transparency” in content, be that process, funding, idea or material.

Artwork may also deal with the opposite of transparency and examine opacity and/or translucency as a means of more keenly exploring the nature of transparency. Glass, water and veils as well as public meetings and inclusivity all play a role here. The exhibition will be complemented by a display and symposium of Asian reverse glass works which take full advantage of the “magic” of transparency.

In part, coming from a national Call for Entry, local invitational, and works borrowed from regional public and private collections this staff-curated exhibition is to be held at the NIU Art Museum in Winter 2018 – Spring 2019.

About the NIU Art Museum

Serving Campus and Community by Balancing Traditional and Contemporary Art to Explore the Connections Made Through Visual Culture.

Part of the [College of Visual and Performing Arts](#)' vibrant and active arts community on campus, the Northern Illinois University Art Museum is a resource for the NIU campus, local community and beyond. While contributing to the university's educational curriculum, the Art Museum also adds to a thriving regional community. The Art Museum presents an annual exhibition and events calendar with award-winning, original curated exhibitions and national traveling shows that deeply explore thematic topics of visual culture. We work to explore and foster appreciation of art and visual culture's capacity to communicate the diversity of the human experience, making global interconnections for our visitors.

The exhibitions and programs of the NIU Art Museum are sponsored in part by the Illinois Arts Council Agency; the Friends of the NIU Art Museum; and the Dean's Circle of the College of Visual and Performing Arts.

Eligibility

The NIU Art museum is currently accepting submissions in all media. This call is open to all artists in the United States 18 years of age or older. Two people must be able to handle and install the submitted artwork which must also fit through a single door (36" wide x 84" tall).

Entry Fee

\$30.00. Checks made out to NIU in U.S. dollars or credit card by phone are the only forms of payment currently accepted. Submissions that arrive without a fee will not be considered. Credit card payments must be made over the phone at 815-753-1936 and mailed payments must be postmarked by the application deadline announced in the Call for Entry. We accept Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express. Please do not e-mail, fax or leave credit card information in a voicemail as that is not a secure method of communication or payment.

Monies from fees will be used to support publications and programming relevant to these thematic exhibitions. Examples of past programming (bus trips, artist lectures, workshops and film series, etc...) can be found on our website <http://www.niu.edu/artmuseum>.

Entry Formats and Required Materials

Mailed Submissions

- Resume (1-2 pages)
Typewritten with contact information
- Illustrated Image List and Statements
Typewritten with Thumbnail image
Title, dimensions, date, medium, additional artists in the case of collaboration, and insurance values.
Brief statement explaining why this work meets the exhibition theme. Applicants may submit up to 5 works in any medium for consideration.
- Flash Drive or CD must be labeled neatly with the artist's first and last name.
Submit 1 - 5 .jpg images
Format file names: LASTNAME_Title.jpg
File size 2500 px, 300 DPI
- DVD video footage of performance documentation, video or digital artwork must be labeled neatly with the artist's first and last name.
Remember to include a brief statement explaining why this work meets the exhibition theme in the Image List above.
- Entry Fee
Enclosed check made out to NIU in U.S. dollars or credit card by phone at 815-753-1936.
- Return SASE (If desired)
Appropriately sized SASE if you wish your materials to be returned to you.

Online Submissions

- Resume (1-2 pages)
Upload. doc or .pdf files with contact information
- Illustrated Image List and Statements
Upload. doc or .pdf files with Thumbnail image
Title, dimensions, date, medium, additional artists in the case of collaboration, and insurance values.
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- Upload images
Upload 1 - 5 .jpg images
Format file names: LASTNAME_Title.jpg
File size 2500 px, 300 DPI
- URL link to video hosting site of performance documentation, video or digital artwork:
Remember to include a brief statement explaining why this work meets the exhibition theme in the Image List above.
- Entry Fee
Check (mailed separately) made out to NIU in U.S. dollars or credit card by phone at 815-753-1936. Please have ready your e-mail confirmation number.

Mailing Address for Entries

Call for Entries – Transparency
NIU Art Museum, Altgeld 116
Northern Illinois University
1425 W. Lincoln Highway
DeKalb, IL 60115

Online Submission

<http://niu.edu/artmuseum/exhibitions/proposals/>

Deadline for All Entries – Materials must be postmarked or submitted online by

July 31, 2018

Conditions of Acceptance

Artwork must arrive at the museum ready for exhibition. All accepted work must remain on display for the full duration of the exhibition: from November 15 through February 15, 2019. Please consider any potentially conflicting commitments with your work before making your selections for submission.

Terms

The NIU Art Museum reserves the right to maintain its established professional standards when selecting work for any exhibitions. To that end, the Museum reserves the right to accept any number of applicants, or none at all. The Museum reserves the right not to exhibit accepted work that differs significantly from images initially submitted. Examples of past exhibitions at the NIU Art Museum can be accessed online at the Museum's website, <http://www.niu.edu/artmuseum>, or on the Museum's Flickr page, <http://www.flickr.com/photos/niuartmuseum>.

Notification of Acceptance

Applicants will be notified of acceptance no later than September 28, 2018.

Shipping

The NIU Art Museum will provide insured return shipping after the exhibition; insured shipping to the NIU Art Museum is the responsibility of the artist. Work should arrive by October 25, 2018.

Insurance

The NIU Art Museum provides fine art insurance for all artwork while on the museum premises and during return shipping.

Exhibition Calendar

July 31, 2018	Postmark deadline for entries
September 24 – 28, 2018	Notification by phone or email
October 26, 2018	Shipped work due at the NIU Art Museum
November 15, 2018 – February 15, 2019	Exhibition dates; Closed university holidays: November 22 – 26 and December 15, 2018 – January 14, 2019.
March 1, 2019	Return of artwork begins



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Gallery Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.;
Thursday Noon – 7 p.m.; Sunday Noon – 4 p.m.; and
by appointment for group tours. .
*Closed during the summer, between exhibitions and
during university holidays.*

Exhibitions are free and open to the public.

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