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Visual Arts Exhibit Program Submission Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State and Zip Code: _____

Telephone Number: _____

E-mail: _____

Website Address: _____

Medium: _____

Artist's Statement:
(optional)

City of Whittier



Visual Arts Exhibit Program



*City Hall
&
Parnell Park*



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CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION

The mission of the Cultural Arts Commission, whose members are appointed by the Whittier City Council, is to enhance the quality of life in the Whittier community by providing leadership, advice, and advocacy on cultural arts. The Commission seeks to accomplish its mission of support for the arts in the changing community by identifying and prioritizing needs and providing networking opportunities for arts organizations.

The City of Whittier believes that it is important to have public art that enhances and elevates the beauty of the community. This program increases community appreciation and understanding of the arts, and how art enriches their lives.



In 1989 the City of Whittier and the Cultural Arts Commission initiated the City Hall Lobby Visual Arts Exhibit Program. Demonstrating the City's commitment to creating a culturally aware community, the program has brought art and artists to the public at City Hall for employees, visitors and residents alike to view and appreciate. Since that time, the lobby has exhibited a diverse collection of art including paintings, sculptures, textiles and photographs.

THE VISUAL ARTS COMMITTEE

A subcommittee of the Cultural Arts Commission, will review submissions and make recommendations to the Commission for approval. Upon being selected, artists will be contacted regarding the pieces for exhibition and to coordinate a schedule for hanging or setting up the work. Artists will also be required to complete a formal contract.

The City of Whittier has the final review of art pieces and reserves the right to refuse to allow the display of art work which it deems unsuitable for public display.

LOBBY ART

The use of the lobby to display artwork has three purposes:

- To bring fine art pieces into public display.
- To recognize the achievements of artists in and around the Whittier area.
- To increase public awareness of aesthetic endeavors.



With the opening of the Parnell Park Community and Senior Center in March 2006, the lobby gallery space at that facility joined the City Hall lobby in this program. Both facilities are open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Exhibits run for approximately six weeks year round, with a week in between to change out exhibits. The City also contributes toward publicity and a reception for the artist's exhibit.

HOW DO I SUBMIT?

Artists are invited to submit portfolios and photographs of their work. Portfolios should include five to seven photographs intended for display, a resume, artist's statement regarding the work and self-addressed stamped envelope in which to return portfolios.

To be considered for display in 2012 please fill out the form on the reverse side of this brochure and submit the form and any other materials by Friday, December 16, 2011 to Parnell Park. Materials can be delivered in person or mailed to:

City of Whittier
Parnell Park
Attn: Lobby Art Program
15390 Lambert Road
Whittier, CA 90604

For more information regarding the Visual Arts Exhibit Program, please contact Erin Hamilton in the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department at (562) 567-9450