

Call for Submissions

Weather The Weather: Poets & Artists Respond

“Whether the weather be cold or whether the weather be hot, we’ll weather the weather, whatever the weather, whether we like it or not.” This tongue twister cleverly captures that no matter where on the planet we live, we are all subject to the weather. From drought to flooding, hurricanes to blizzards - all of us are experiencing increasingly severe or extreme weather patterns, global climate change, and traumatic events. We are bombarded with weather alerts, images, suffering and beauty, along with waves of information on our phones, computers and television. Weather phenomenon may also be a metaphor for the storms of culture, politics, personal relationships and the individual psyche.

Guest curators, Visual Artist, Catherine Schwalbe and Poet, Jennifer Dotson invite your response to the theme of **Weather**. Schwalbe, is a practicing artist, curator, and educator. Dotson, is a published poet and founder of Highland Park Poetry (2018 Mayor's Award for the Arts). Both women have collaborated, exhibited, and created thought provoking exhibitions for over two decades!

Your submissions are a response to the theme of **Weather**. The curators also welcome collaborations, ekphrastic responses, as well as works that evolve into a fusion of both words and visual art.

Artworks proposed will include wall ready works: drawings, paintings, photography, printed works, and assemblage. No works greater than 48”x 48”. Works submitted and accepted without proper hanging hardware will be exhibited at the discretion of the guest curators. Small sculptures may be considered; but no sculpture works greater than 18x18x18”.

Poems selected for inclusion must be framed with proper hanging wire.

To apply, artists and poets must submit the following: One-paragraph biography

If visual submission:

No more than 5 digital images JPEGs only, no larger than 3MB

Include Artist Name, Title of work, date, price (*if for sale; please see TAC’s policy on sales below*), medium, size

If poetry submission:

No more than 5 written submissions

30 lines or less

Previously published work is okay but please include acknowledgement of first publication

Important Dates:

November 27, 2018: Deadline for submissions. Email entries to Zoe Carlson at zcarlson@heartcenterhp.org.

December 3, 2018: Artists notified via email regarding submission status.

December 13, 2018: Accepted work must be brought to City Hall no later than 4pm (1707 St. Johns Ave, Highland Park).

December 14, 2018: Installation at City Hall.

January 14, 2019: Artists/Poets Reception at City Hall, 4pm.

December 17, 2018 - March 1, 2019: Exhibition on view.

March 4, 2019: Pick up work from City Hall no later than 4pm.

Sales

Artwork need not be for sale, though if it is TAC HP will retain 35% of the profits whether it is sold during the show or as a result of the show for up to 90 days. TAC HP will handle the sales process and will distribute a check to the artist within 30 days of the end of the show.

Sponsoring Organization: The Art Center Highland Park

Location for exhibition: Highland Park City Hall, 1707 St. Johns Avenue, Highland Park, IL

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