

Open (C)all 2018

Call for Artwork Submissions

The Virginia Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA) and the Virginia Beach SPCA invite Hampton Roads artists of all ages to participate in our upcoming Open (C)all 2018 exhibition.

This year we open our call with a special theme; that of compassion. Feelings of tenderness and empathy are not often celebrated or encouraged in our fast-paced, media-driven society. Yet, these emotions bring out the best qualities of humans. Through them we connect, communicate, show mercy, and lend aid to those in need. Compassion both motivates and reveals the heroes among us in ways both large and small.

So, what role does compassion play in your life? What meanings does it have for you? Have you received or witnessed acts of generosity and kindness? What need tugs at your heart and spurs you to action? Have you adopted an abandoned animal, shoveled a walk for an elderly neighbor, or perhaps participated in a beach clean-up? However compassion has affected you, show us and celebrate with MOCA.

Ideas to get you started:

- What does compassion mean to you?
- What does compassion look like? Feel like? Sound like?
- Have you seen compassion in action?
- How does compassion impact a community?
- How do you know compassion when you see it?
- Where is compassion needed/lacking? Why?
- How does making/receiving a gesture of compassion make you feel?
- Does compassion take courage?
- How do animals receive compassion? Give compassion?
- How is compassion expressed without words?

The exhibition will be on display at the Virginia Museum of Contemporary Art from June 10 – August 19, 2018. Join us on June 10 from 2-4pm for opening day with MOCA and the SPCA, adoptable animals and hands-on art activities for all ages.

A Closing Celebration will take place on Sunday, August 19 from 1-4pm. From 1-2pm there will be a Reception with refreshments, 2-4pm there will be hands-on art activities for all ages. Each participating artist is invited to attend. Artists may take their work home at the end of the Closing Celebration.

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Requirements:

- Exhibition is open to Hampton Roads artists of all ages.
- Please submit one piece of work per artist.
- Each work of art will be accepted **IF**:
 - It is two dimensional and will fit within a **15"x15" square**.
 - It weighs less than 25lbs.
 - **It is completely ready to hang on a wall.**
 - **Please do not use cellophane tape, yarn or string as hanging devices for your artwork. They will fall off the wall.**
 - There is a label on the back of the work with its title and contact info for the artist.
- All mediums are encouraged.
- Submissions can be made in person on **Tuesday, May 29 (10am-4:30pm), Wednesday, May 30, (10am-4:30pm), Thursday, May 31 (10am-4:30pm), Friday, June 1 (10am-4:30pm), Saturday, June 2 (10am to 3pm).**

Please note: MOCA cannot insure works during the exhibition, nor can we accommodate requests for placing work in specific locations during the Open (C)all exhibition. Artwork will be accepted for display only and will not be for sale. MOCA staff will pass along artist contact information to any interested buyers. Please contact exhibitions@virginiamoca.org with questions.

About MOCA:

The Virginia Museum of Contemporary Art is a non-profit institution which exists to foster awareness, exploration, and understanding of the significant art of our time. Through excellence and diversity in our changing exhibitions and educational programming, MOCA stimulates critical thinking and dialogue throughout the Hampton Roads community.

About the Virginia Beach SPCA:

The Virginia Beach SPCA is an organization dedicated to the idea of compassion. Our mission statement reflects this: "To create a more humane community by increasing capacity for compassion and decreasing tolerance for cruelty." Of course, a large part of this mission pertains to animals; however, in working to improve our community, we also serve people of all ages as well as encourage environmental stewardship in our programs.



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Submission Form

Artist

Name _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____

Artwork

Title _____

Year _____

Medium _____

Dimensions _____

Signed _____

I understand and agree to the above requirements and pick up guidelines.

✂ Please detach and affix to back of artwork, or make your own if this one is too large.

Artist

Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Artwork

Title _____

Year _____

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Art Pick Up Guidelines

Open (C)all closes on August 19, 2019. There will be a Closing Celebration at 1pm on this day. Artists may take their work home at the end of the Closing Celebration or on any of the following dates:

Pick-up will take place at MOCA on these dates:

- Sunday, August 19, After the Closing Celebration (2pm-4pm)
- Monday, August 20, 10am-4:30pm
- Tuesday, August 21, 10am-4:30pm
- Wednesday, August 22, 10am-4:30pm
- Thursday, August 23, 10am-4:30pm
- Friday, August 24, 10am-4:30pm
- Saturday, August 25, 10am-2pm

When you pick-up your artwork, please bring:

- A picture ID to match the label on the piece.
- If someone else is picking up the work for you, we must have your permission in writing in advance. Email exhibitions@virginiamoca.org.
- Parents, guardians, and teachers may collect the work of their children/students.
- Any packing materials you will need to get your artwork home safely.

IMPORTANT: We are unable to return artworks by mail. If you cannot pick-up your artwork during the assigned dates, please ask a friend, relative, or colleague to do so for you. Make sure they bring a copy of the receipt of delivery you received during the drop-off.