Queen Street Open Art Competition 2020 –

Entry Guidelines

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| Opening and prize giving afternoon  Sunday 2nd February 2020  Exhibition ends  Saturday 29th February 2020  Closing date for images and entry forms  24th December 2019 |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Queen Street Art Gallery will be holding its second Open Art Competition in February 2020. The competition shows the major commitment of Queen Street Gallery to the development of artistic talent locally, regionally and nationally.

This guide contains information to help you make a successful submission to the competition. The amount of information below reflects our aim to cover every eventuality and guide you through the process. We recommend that you print out this document and have it ready to refer to during the submission process.

If you are unclear, then contact us for clarification (contact details at the end of the sheet). Information and application can be accessed from the website [www.queenstreetgalleryneath.co.uk](http://www.queenstreetgalleryneath.co.uk)

Competition overview

The Queen Street Open Art is an ‘open submission’ (anyone can enter) competition that will be judged by professionals from a broad range of disciplines. Entry can only be via the online submission process on our website. A fee of £15 per entry is charged and artwork is submitted as a digital image. It will be reviewed by the judges, who select in the region of 40 - 80 pieces for the exhibition – they also choose the prize winners. Works selected will need to be delivered to Queen Street Art Gallery for exhibition by the dates stated below.

What can you submit?

Only original artwork will be considered (i.e. Not reproduction prints which are made to accurately reproduce an already created original image) but any medium will be considered, including applied arts and digital media. There are limitations on exhibiting certain items in terms of scale, equipment or health and safety. There is a maximum floor space for 3-dimensional work (e.g. Sculpture) of 1m x 1m. For 2-dimensional work (e.g. Paintings) size limits are 1m x 1m. We reserve the right to select but not display works. If you are in any doubt, then please contact us.

Before you enter

Prepare a digital image of your work

Work will be selected via a digital image, therefore you will need to upload a good quality digital photograph of your artwork via our online form. If you are unfamiliar with taking or preparing digital images, then we suggest you find somebody to help you with this. We are unable to do this for you.

Advice on taking a digital photograph

Place the work in an uncluttered space or on a plain wall so that the artwork is clearly visible and defined. Use a digital camera (or phone or equivalent) and take a picture. Make sure that…

* Only the artwork appears in the photograph
* If the item is very large or very small, please put a tape measure in the photograph to give an idea of scale
* It is a clear, focused image
* It is in colour against a plain background

Prepare your image for upload

* Make the application online, from your phone or iPad .
* Save the image as a jpeg file less than 5MB in size. We suggest you ask for help if you are unsure about how to size the image or upload it.
* Give the image a file name of last name, first name, artwork title.
* Have your image(s) completely ready to use before you continue.

Online submission in three simple steps

Once your image/s are ready, [fill in the submission form.](http://competition.blackswan.org.uk/competitions/black-swan-arts-open-2018/enter)

**1. Enter your information**

* Fill in your personal details, and entry information
* You will be able to return your entry at any time up to the 24th December 2019
* Paid-for submissions can be changed but not refunded.

**2. Upload & submit images of your**

You can upload a maximum of four images per artwork. Before you start make sure you have the following information ready:

* Title
* Subtitle or description (max 20 words)
* Medium used (max 20 words)
* Size of work (for film/media give the duration of film or time-based media)
* Selling price (include in your total the 40% gallery commission).

Upload your image and form.

Review your details

Review your entry by checking all the details, and if correct, continue to payment.

**3. Payment**

Our preferred method of payment is online via PayPal. By clicking ‘pay now’ button you will be redirected to PayPal where you will be able to pay securely using a debit/credit card or your PayPal account.

PayPal:

* See order summary and check amount
* If you have a PayPal account log into your account to pay using your PayPal email and password.
* If you don't have a PayPal account, follow instructions that enable you to pay with a debit or credit card.
* If you need to discuss alternative payment methods, please email us at [queenstreetgalleryneath@outlook.com](file:///C:\QUEEN%20ST\2020%20open%20ex\queenstreetgalleryneath@outlook.com)

Selection

If you are selected for the exhibition you will be notified by January 4th 2020. For any further information or assistance, email the office on contact@queenstgallery.co.uk or call 01639 631081 (10am – 4pm, Monday - Saturday)

Dates to remember

* Deadline for entries: 24th December 2019
* Email to artists selected: by 4th of January 2020
* Photos and bio’s of selected artists: required by 18th January 2020
* Delivery of work to Queen Street Gallery: 18th January 2020, 10am - 4pm
* Exhibition opening and prize giving: 2nd February 2020 (open to the public from 3rd February)
* Exhibition dates: exhibition: 2nd – 29th February 2019