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Touchstone Foundation Fellowship for Emerging Artists (2017-2019)

Open Call for Applications

Deadline: April 10, 2017

What is a Touchstone Foundation Emerging Artists Fellow?

The Fellowship for Emerging Artists is a project of the Touchstone Foundation for the Arts. Artists living in the DC capital region are eligible to apply if they have not been represented by a commercial gallery in the previous 10 years. The Fellowship is awarded based on artistic merit and the ability of the fellow to benefit by association with the Touchstone Gallery.

Founded in 1976, Touchstone Gallery is an artist-owned commercial gallery located in the heart of downtown DC at 901 New York Avenue NW. The Gallery created the independent Touchstone Foundation for the Arts (TFA) in 2012 in order to expand a commitment to community involvement. The Fellowship program has been ongoing since 2014

Benefits:

- TFA Fellows become full members of Touchstone Gallery for two years, culminating in a solo show at the end of this period.
- The expenses of membership and of the show are paid by the Foundation, a value of over \$4500.00.
- Exhibition of at least one work in monthly group shows and least one work in any expanded All-Member Show.
- Bin space for storage of additional 2 pieces which are presented to potential buyers who show interest in a particular artist and up to five pieces in the canvas bins.
- Participation in other exhibition opportunities arranged by the gallery, i.e., exchange shows, off site shows, etc.
- Multiple images represented on gallery website & promotional notebook kept in the gallery
- Publicity in newspapers & online blogs.
- Vote on matters before the membership.
- After two years the Fellow may choose a member category and continue membership in their chosen category.

Responsibilities:

- 40% commission on work sold by the gallery, 25% commission on work sold due to gallery referral.
- Gallery staffing one day a month. There is a penalty for missing a gallery staffing assignment without arranging for coverage.
- Serving on one of the active gallery committees.
- Attendance at bimonthly Gallery membership meetings.

Who is Eligible to Apply?

TFA encourages all interested artists in the Washington DC metro area who have not been represented by a commercial gallery in the last 10 years to apply for this two-year Fellowship.

Application Process:

All applications must be submitted by email to touchstonefoundationdc@gmail.com or via Dropbox on or before the stipulated deadline above. Detailed instructions are available at:

<http://touchstonefoundationdc.org/how-to-apply>

Selection Process:

Applications will be reviewed by the Touchstone Foundation for the Arts Board of Directors in April, 2017. A small group of finalists will be asked to submit actual artwork and to be interviewed. In May 2017, one or more applicants will be awarded a Touchstone Foundation Fellowship for 2017-2019, to begin in July 2017.

For questions about the TFA Artists Fellowship, feel free to email touchstonefoundationdc@gmail.com or call Ksenia Grishkova, the TFA Director, at 202-347-2787.