

MAKING ROOM FOR WONDER

CALL FOR ARTISTS - **Deadline: April 15th, 2008.**

The National Queer Arts Festival is now accepting artists' submissions for its 11th annual Visual Art Exhibition at SomArts Gallery in San Francisco. The exhibition title is "Making Room for Wonder," and will be curated by Tirza True Latimer and coordinated by Robert Melton (associate curator).

"Wonder" functions as a verb without object:

- to think or speculate curiously; to desire to know something
- to be filled with admiration, amazement, or awe
- to doubt; to place in doubt

Or as a verb with object:

- to speculate about

Or as a noun:

- something strange, unexpected or extraordinary; a cause of surprise, astonishment, or admiration
- the emotion excited by what is strange and surprising; a feeling of surprised or puzzled interest, sometimes tinged with admiration
- miraculous deed or event; remarkable phenomenon; something inexplicable by the laws of nature

"Wonder," then, opens horizons of possibility beyond the constraints of "nature" and "law." It makes room for desire, for doubt, for dreams, for experimentation, for resistance, for things not known and considered unimaginable. Under the current totalitarian political regime, where options appear to close at every turn, wonder may still free the spirit and the mind to imagine and enact alternatives. This exhibition explores the territories that "wonder" (as a both a mode and a model of thinking, being, feeling, doing, otherwise) may share with "queer."

To Apply: The following materials must be received by 5pm, Monday, April 15th, 2008:

(NOTE: Artists residing outside of the United States may apply via email—see email instructions below)

1. Resume including name, mailing address, preferred phone number(s), fax, email and web page (if applicable).

Please limit resume to two pages.

2. Brief letter of interest, addressing: Specifically why this project interests you and why you believe that your work addresses the exhibition theme.

3. Up to ten (10) images of your work. We prefer digital images.

Submit digital images on a CD-ROM in JPEG format, Mac and PC compatible and no larger than 1920 x 1920 pixels.

Submit slides in a clear plastic sheet, labeled with artist's name and a number that corresponds to the annotated image list. Indicate the top of the image.

Label each slide or digital image with artist's name and a number that corresponds to the image list - for example 001JaneJones, 002JaneJones. Please add a brief image list, including: Title, date (and location of artwork if you are showing an image of an installation); a very brief description; the Media and dimensions.

Accepted artists will be notified by May 1st. Work must be delivered by May 26th. Exhibition dates are June 1 - 27, 2008.

EMAIL SUBMISSIONS (for artists residing outside of the United States):

Please send your resume, your letter of interest and a description of the images that you are sending as either a Word Document or as a PDF file.

Please send no more than 5 LOW RESOLUTION JPEGs.

Email submissions to Wonder@queerculturalcenter.org

Mail your submission to: **Qcc, 934 Brannan Street, San Francisco, CA 94103**

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