



Northern Illinois
University

NIU Art Museum

A Call for Entries

Exploring Aspects of War In and Through the Visual Arts

August 27 – October 18, 2019

As an extension of the Northern Illinois University Art Museum's mission to present contemporary art through the platform of thematic exhibitions, the Art Museum is requesting calls for entries for its 2019 - 2020 exhibition calendar.

Exhibition Theme

The Visual Arts have served in all cultures and periods to document, motivate, memorialize, facilitate healing, critique and protest military action.

Exploring Aspects of War in and Through the Visual Arts considers views on war and military conflict from the perspective of the homefront, the battlefield and back home again.

Selection Process

Works will be selected from a national call for entry, by invitation and co-curated by NIU Art Museum staff members and the Exhibition Advisory Committee.

About the NIU Art Museum

Serving Campus and Community by Balancing Traditional and Contemporary Art to Explore the Connections Made Through Visual Culture.

Part of the [College of Visual and Performing Arts](#)' vibrant and active arts community on campus, the Northern Illinois University Art Museum is a resource for the NIU campus, local community and beyond. While contributing to the university's educational curriculum, the Art Museum also adds to a thriving regional community. The Art Museum presents an annual exhibition and events calendar with award-winning, original curated exhibitions and national traveling shows that deeply explore thematic topics of visual culture. We work to explore and foster appreciation of art and visual culture's capacity to communicate the diversity of the human experience, making global interconnections for our visitors.

The exhibitions and programs of the NIU Art Museum are sponsored in part by the Illinois Arts Council Agency; the Friends of the NIU Art Museum; and the College of Visual and Performing Arts' Season Presenting Sponsor Shaw Media.

Eligibility

The NIU Art Museum is currently accepting submissions in all media. This call is open to all artists in the United States 18 years of age or older. Two people must be able to handle and install the submitted artwork which must also fit through a single door (36" wide x 84" tall).

Entry Fee

\$30.00. Checks made out to NIU in U.S. dollars or credit card by phone are the only forms of payment currently accepted. Submissions that arrive without a fee will not be considered. Credit card payments must be made over the phone at 815-753-1936 and mailed payments must be postmarked by the application deadline announced in the Call for Entry. We accept Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express. Please do not e-mail, fax or leave credit card information in a voicemail as that is not a secure method of communication or payment.

Monies from fees will be used to support publications and programming relevant to these thematic exhibitions. Examples of past programming (bus trips, artist lectures, workshops and film series, etc...) can be found on our website <http://www.niu.edu/artmuseum>.

Entry Formats and Required Materials

Mailed Submissions

- Resume (1-2 pages)

Typewritten with contact information

- Illustrated Image List and Statements

Typewritten with Thumbnail image

Title, dimensions, date, medium, additional artists in the case of collaboration, and insurance values.

Brief statement explaining why this work meets the exhibition theme. Applicants may submit up to 5 works in any medium for consideration.

- Flash Drive or CD must be labeled neatly with the artist's first and last name.

Submit 1 - 5 .jpg images

Format file names: LASTNAME_Title.jpg

File size 2500 px, 300 DPI

You may include up to 3 detail images of each work.

- DVD video footage of performance documentation, video or digital artwork must be labeled neatly with the artist's first and last name.

Remember to include a brief statement explaining why this work meets the exhibition theme in the Image List above.

- Entry Fee

Enclosed check made out to NIU in U.S. dollars or credit card by phone at 815-753-1936.

- Return SASE (If desired)

Appropriately sized SASE if you wish your materials to be returned to you.

Online Submissions

- Resume (1-2 pages)

Upload .doc or .pdf files with contact information

- Illustrated Image List and Statements

Upload .doc or .pdf files with Thumbnail image

Title, dimensions, date, medium, additional artists in the case of collaboration, and insurance values.

Brief statement explaining why this work meets the exhibition theme. Applicants may submit up to 5 works in any medium for consideration.

- Upload images

Upload 1 - 5 .jpg images

Format file names: LASTNAME_Title.jpg

File size 2500 px, 300 DPI

If uploading five separate works and details images are needed, please include them in the Illustrated Image List.

- URL link to video hosting site of performance documentation, video or digital artwork:

Remember to include a brief statement explaining why this work meets the exhibition theme in the Image List above.

- Entry Fee

Check (mailed separately) made out to NIU in U.S. dollars or credit card by phone at 815-753-1936. Please have ready your e-mail confirmation number.

A note about images: Submissions may include a single image of up to five separate works or a single work with additional detail images in the online file upload. If detail images are included in the Illustrated Image List please indicate as such when labeling.

Mailing Address for Entries

Call for Entries – Aspects of War
NIU Art Museum, Altgeld 116
Northern Illinois University
1425 W. Lincoln Highway
DeKalb, IL 60115

Online Submission

<http://niu.edu/artmuseum/exhibitions/proposals/>

Deadline for All Entries – Materials must be postmarked or submitted online by

Friday, May 31, 2019

Conditions of Acceptance

Artwork must arrive at the museum ready for exhibition. All accepted work must remain on display for the full duration of the exhibition: from August 27 through October 18, 2019. Please consider any potentially conflicting commitments with your work before making your selections for submission.

Terms

The NIU Art Museum reserves the right to maintain its established professional standards when selecting work for any exhibitions. To that end, the Museum reserves the right to accept any number of applicants, or none at all. The Museum reserves the right not to exhibit accepted work that differs significantly from images initially submitted. Examples of past exhibitions at the NIU Art Museum can be accessed online at the Museum's website, <http://www.niu.edu/artmuseum>, or on the Museum's Flickr page, <http://www.flickr.com/photos/niuartmuseum>.

Notification of Acceptance

Applicants will be notified of acceptance no later than Monday, July 1, 2019.

Shipping

Art work should arrive to the Art Museum by Monday, August 5, 2019. Insured shipping to the Museum is the responsibility of the artist. The NIU Art Museum will provide insured return shipping after the exhibition.

Insurance

The NIU Art Museum provides fine art insurance for all artwork while on the museum premises and during return shipping.

Exhibition Calendar

Friday, May 31, 2019	Postmark deadline for entries
Monday, July 1, 2019	Notification by phone or email
Monday, August 5, 2019	Shipped work due at the NIU Art Museum
August 27 – October 18, 2019	Exhibition dates
Monday, November 4, 2019	Return of artwork begins



NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

Art Museum

College of Visual and Performing Arts

Balancing Traditional and Contemporary Art

Altgeld Hall 116, First Floor, West End
1425 W. Lincoln Hwy., Northern Illinois University
DeKalb, IL 60115
815-753-1936
artmuseum@niu.edu
niu.edu/artmuseum

Gallery Hours

10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday
Noon – 7 p.m. Thursday
Noon – 4 p.m. Sunday
By appointment for group tours. Closed during the summer, between exhibitions and during university holidays.

Exhibitions are free and open to the public.

###