



Open Call: Proposals for Public Art in the Courtyard



The Pelham Art Center is seeking proposals for temporary public solo and group exhibitions / installations to be installed in our 2,300sq.ft. open court yard. We are looking for work that can be sited for three months, activates the entire courtyard while considering the scale, architecture and use of the courtyard. We strongly encourage site-specific proposals. Proposals will be selected by our Gallery Advisory Committee on the basis of creativity, interactivity, structural integrity and sustainability.

* **Creativity/interactivity:** Your work should be visually engaging and invite viewers of all ages to enter the court yard to experience the work further.

* **Structural Integrity:** Your work must be able to withstand three months of exposure to New York weather as well as unsupervised interaction from passers-by and visitors to the Art Center day and night.

* **Sustainability:** Given the temporary nature of the installation, we encourage the submission of work created with found materials, or from materials that can be temporarily appropriated and then reused after the installation.

Receiving and Removal of Work: The artist will be responsible for transporting their work to and from the Art Center. Pelham Art Center **will not** pay for shipping.

Installation: The artist will be responsible for installing and de-installing their artwork. Pelham Art Center **will not** provide assistance for the installation and de-installation of the work.

Stipend: Pelham Art Center offers a \$200 stipend to help offset material costs.

Publicity: Pelham Art Center will publicize the installation of the work through our regular notices and stories to local media outlets, our email database of 5000 as well as on our website (www.pelhamartcenter.org.) Pelham Art Center is located on Pelham's main commercial street, with constant foot and car traffic passing by. The courtyard is used frequently by passersby and we can assure a constant flow of traffic and many eyes on the work. Three to six public events at the Art Center per quarter draw sizeable crowds as well.

Timeline: Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis. Three-Four proposals will be realized per year.

Email proposals to: gallery@pelhamartcenter.org, Subject: **Courtyard**

1. **Contact information:** name, address, email, phone number
2. **Images:** 5-10 digital images of work to be exhibited or similar to what will be shown, labeled as follows, O1LastName_FirstName, O2LastName_FirstName...If the work is in the proposal phase- please submit a detailed proposal with to scale drawings, similar images, photoshopped images, etc. so we completely understand your proposal.
3. **Image List:** The numbers on the image list should correspond with the digital images. Include the title, date, medium, dimensions, and a brief description of the work (less than 50 words for each image).
4. **Project Statement :** A brief (250-500 words) with a description of the work and how the work relates to one of the criteria listed above.
5. **Resume:** 3 page max - Please include your name, address, phone number and email address along with exhibition and educational background.
6. **Artist Statement:** 1pg max
7. **Installation Plan**

Pelham Art Center's mission is to provide the public with a place, the resources and the opportunity to see, study, and experience the arts in a community setting. Currently serving more than 16,000 adults and children in Westchester County and parts of the Bronx by offering high-quality free and affordable art programs year round, Pelham Art Center is committed to the belief that the public's access to and participation in the arts strengthens communities and fosters life-long engagement in the arts.