Juried Artist application and guidelines – please read our new guidelines

Thank you for your interest in becoming a juried artist at the Suffolk Center for Cultural Arts. Our juried artists have the opportunity to regularly show their work in our Jester's Gallery Shop and participate in themed exhibits in our Norfolk Foundation and BB & T Galleries.

Our mission is to encourage and advocate for the visual and performing arts by providing a forum where diverse audiences can actively participate in cultural experiences. Jester's Gallery Shop is a space designed to show the artistic talents of local artisans in a large variety of media. The salability of work is considered in the evaluation of consigned items, as is the goal of presenting top quality work. All work will be evaluated by a small jury before being accepted. However, the ultimate decision for acceptance is that of the gallery coordinators and Jester's Gallery Shop managers.

All those who wish to display their work must be a member of the Suffolk Center for Cultural Arts, at the minimum level of a Contributor Membership of $30, payable to SCCA. You may choose a higher level to support SCCA. Membership forms are available at Jester's or online at www.suffolkcenter.org

Guidelines:

• All work must be presented with the appropriate application (gallery prospectus or Jester's inventory forms).

• All work must be original and crafted by the artist.

• Artists may not exhibit their work in 2 consecutive exhibits to allow others to display.

• Artists are asked to submit high definition photographs of their work for marketing purposes. Digital photographs must be in JPEG or JPG formats under 5MB. Files are to be named as: Last Name_First Name_Title.

• Artists may be asked to provide a short art biography and inspirational statement, in addition to submitting their social media links.

• Artists may be asked to be interviewed and recorded for future promotion of the exhibit or work in Jester's.

Guidelines for Flat art (drawings, paintings, photography):

• Work must be gallery ready, including wire hanging and finished edges suitable for a professional presentation.

Works are evaluated based upon the technical skill, concept, presentation, and overall level of expertise, at the discretion of the jurors. Work can be rejected based upon one or more of these reasons, but not limited to this list. Artists with any criminal convictions may be rejected.
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JESTER’S AGREES TO:

1. Take responsibility for art objects while in possession of Jester’s, at 60% of retail value.
2. Pay for shipping of items returned to artist if Jester’s chooses to return the work prior to the designated time.
3. Provide the artist with a monthly record of sales and mail payment for the preceding month by the 15th day of the following month.
4. Give 30 days written notice to artist of intention to terminate the consignment agreement, unless pre-arranged in writing.
5. Artist information is given to each patron who purchases artwork. A notice that the reproduction rights and copyright remain with the artist is signed by each patron purchasing a painting.
6. All work will be insured at 60% of the sales price for the time of the exhibit or time lent to Jester’s.

ARTIST AGREES TO:

1. Fill out the appropriate information on a format sheet (provided by Jester’s), concerning each shipment. Deliver work (by appointment) and remove (by appointment). Pay shipping to Jester’s where applicable.
2. Be responsible for shipping costs, including insurance both ways unless Jester’s chooses to return the work prior to the designated time.
3. When an item is sold, Jester’s will retain 40% and the artist will receive 60% of the retail price. Please adjust your prices accordingly and indicate the total retail price, not the amount you expect to receive.
4. When Jester’s arranges a commission, or places a patron in touch with an artist for that purpose, the commissioned piece and sale are to go through Jester’s. The commission paid to the gallery is 20%.
5. Allow Jester’s to return or reject any items.
6. Give 30 days written notice to Jester’s of the intention to remove items, (rotating stock excepted), unless pre-arranged in writing.
7. Remove or arrange for shipping of all items with 30 days of the termination of the consignment agreement. Work unclaimed after this 30 day period will become the property of Jester’s.
8. Allow Jester’s to photograph their work and use such photos in printed or online format for promotional purposes only.
Name of artist:______________________________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________________________________

Email: _____________________________________________________________________

Phone number: _____________________________________________________________________

Artist’s Social Media links:________________________________________________________________________

Artist’s Signature: __________________________ Date: ________________________

Jester’s: __________________________ Date: ________________________