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## **CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS FROM CANADIAN DEAF, MAD & DISABILITY-IDENTIFIED ARTISTS**

**Tangled Art + Disability** is boldly redefining how the world experiences art and those who create it. We are a not for profit art + disability organization dedicated to connecting professional and emerging artists, the arts community and a diverse public through creative passion and artistic excellence. Our mandate is to support disability-identified artists, to cultivate disability arts in Canada, and to enhance access to the arts for artists and audiences of all abilities.

We are currently accepting applications from Deaf, Mad and disability-identified artists to create new work for an upcoming series of exhibitions which will run from September 2017 to April 2018 at Tangled Art Gallery in Toronto.

Tangled Art + Disability invites proposals for projects in any artistic discipline that reflect the expansive dimensions of disability arts and culture. We seek creative works that explore Canada's past, present and future, centering the experiences of Deaf, Mad and disabled people, and responding to the following questions:

- In what ways has Canada historically included or excluded us?
- How do we navigate the current realities of living and being in this country?
- How might we shape a future that truly embraces us?

We welcome responses that relate to crip theory, intersectional identities and community-driven moments.

Tangled Art + Disability intends to reveal, celebrate and promote the work of diverse Canadian artists from Deaf, Mad and disability communities, and to bring attention and visibility to the contributions these artists are making to Canadian arts and culture. We will support artists in developing thoughtful community-centered interactions and integrating inclusive practices of access and accessibility. We encourage submissions from diverse communities and cultural backgrounds including Black, Indigenous, POC & LGBTQIP2SAA.

### **We are interested in projects that:**

- Fit within the Tangled Art Gallery space (an 800 sq. ft. gallery). We encourage multidisciplinary work and creative use of the space. Tangled has the capacity to screen film and media works, and to host performances that do not exceed the limitations of the space.
- Embrace a creative approach to accessibility. We encourage multi-sensory work, interactive and tactile pieces. All exhibits to include audio description, captioning, and ASL interpretation, as needed.
- Reflect intersectional experiences and perspectives of Deaf, Mad and disability cultures.

## **Budget**

Selected artists will receive an exhibition fee of \$2,000 and a budget of \$3,000 for creation/materials. Tangled will additionally cover the cost of installation (up to \$1,500), accessibility, shipping, and promotion. For selected artists who reside outside Toronto, we will provide round-trip travel and housing for an agreed upon duration based on the needs of the project.

## **Applications must include:**

- A completed application form
- An artist CV or biography
- A budget indicating how the \$3,000 would be spent
- Artist samples, ideas, sketches, or documentation of past work

## **Applications will be assessed based on:**

- Artistic merit
- Overall value to the field of disability arts and community at large
- The viability of the proposed project and budget
- Accessibility of the project to audiences with wide-ranging disabilities, Deaf and Mad communities.

## **Applications will be accepted between March 8 and May 5, 2017.**

**Only submissions from Deaf, Mad and disability-identified artists will be considered.** We will accept written applications, as well as ASL video responses. We can also provide assistance for filling out the written application form or, as needed, applicants can respond to the questions in person.

## **Info Session – March 21, 2017 at Tangled Art Gallery, 5:30 - 7 PM EST**

An Information session will be held at Tangled Art Gallery on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 for interested applicants to ask questions and view the space. We will begin at 5:30pm and go until 7pm. ASL interpreters and attendant care will be provided. Tangled Art Gallery is wheelchair accessible. We ask for everyone to support a scent-free environment. Service animals are welcome. This session will be live streamed via Facebook. It will also be recorded and made available to those who are unable to attend. Artists outside of Toronto may email questions to [info@tangledarts.org](mailto:info@tangledarts.org), prior to March 21st, so they may be responded to within the session.

## **Completed applications can be sent by mail to:**

Tangled Art + Disability  
Attn: Call For Submissions  
Suite S-122, 401 Richmond Street West  
Toronto M5V 3A8

Or by email to: [submissions@tangledarts.org](mailto:submissions@tangledarts.org)

Contact Sean Lee at (647) 725-5064 to schedule an in person application or to book application writing assistance.