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Open Call for Commission

Proposed photography exhibition in the Café Gallery, Russell-Cotes Art Gallery & Museum.

To be displayed from Tuesday 8 August – Sunday 17 September 2017. Provisionally titled *'Bournemouth LGBT+ in 2017'*.

Overview

Built in 1901 and beautifully situated on Bournemouth sea front, the Russell-Cotes Art Gallery & Museum is a rare example of the residence of a Victorian private collector. Given to the people of Bournemouth it attracts visitors from around the world with its extraordinary atmosphere and internationally-renowned art collections.

To mark the 50th anniversary of the decriminalization of homosexuality and supported by a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund, the Russell-Cotes is currently working with the LGBT+ community to explore the hidden treasures in its collections. The stunning new exhibition, *Refracted: Collection Highlights*, based around the colours and symbolism of the rainbow flag, will be displayed from Saturday 13 May – Sunday 8 September 2017 in the Edwardian art galleries.

Proposal

The Russell-Cotes is inviting photographers to apply for a commission to produce a series of photographs which represent LGBT+ Bournemouth in 2017.

A series of 10-15 images will be displayed in the Café Gallery, Russell Cotes Art Gallery & Museum from Tuesday 8 August – Sunday 17 September 2017. Provisionally titled, *Bournemouth LGBT+ in 2017*, the photography exhibition will form part of the Russell-Cotes'

public programme of events and activities surrounding our main exhibition, *Refracted: Collection Highlights*.

The successful applicant will receive funding, publicity around the final exhibition and support from the Russell-Cotes' exhibition officer. This opportunity may be more suited to early career artists based in Bournemouth, though anybody residing in the UK is eligible to apply.

Commission Fee

The successful artist will be awarded a commissioning fee of £500. The Russell-Cotes will cover the cost of printing and displaying the final artwork.

The artwork may be available for sale in the Café Gallery. In accordance with our selling exhibition guidelines, the artist's commission will be 40% of the selling price, with the Russell-Cotes retaining the remaining 60%.

Application and Commissioning Process

Please email the following to helen.ivaldi@bournemouth.gov.uk

- A brief statement (no longer than A4) detailing your proposed artistic approach to the project.
- A CV or details of your website/social media pages if applicable
- A digital portfolio of examples of your previous work.
- Evidence of your Public Liability Insurance

All submitted applicants will be reviewed by the exhibition's panel, and you will be notified of the decision in writing. Unfortunately, due to limited resources the Russell-Cotes is not able to offer feedback on unsuccessful applications.

Timescale

Deadline for submissions: Thursday 13 April 2017 at 12 noon

Selection of artist: Friday 14 April 2017

Commissioned portfolio submitted to Russell-Cotes for selection and display: Monday 10 July 2017

Exhibition opens: Tuesday 8 August 2017

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