



Call for Artists

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

June 17, 2022

ORGANIZATION BACKGROUND

International House promotes international understanding and helps immigrants integrate fully into our community. We envision a Charlotte that welcomes the world.

International House was established in 1981 to be a symbol of tolerance, understanding and compassion to the international community. The organization was opened to be a cultural center that provided people with the opportunities to learn, share, experience and understand our neighbors, to make lasting connections and friendships. The community, no matter race, creed, or culture can find caring and passionate individuals at International House to help them on their journey whether that journey be a better life for them and their families or a greater international understanding.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

International House is inviting immigrant artists to submit an art piece that represents their journey to the United States, allowing the community to see their story and take a step in their shoes.

THE COMPETITION

Local artists will be chosen to participate in an online exhibit and auction. The art piece that raises the most during the auction will be the winning artwork for 2022's competition and exhibit. The final day of the competition will be September 16th, 2022.

The winning artist will be given a stipend and their art piece will hang in International House's hallway. The electronic image will be used in International House's Annual Report and event marketing materials for 2023.

SUBMISSIONS

Submit your digital image, JPGs should be approximately **24x36**, minimum of **2500 x 3750 pixels**, best quality will be approximately **6000 x 9000 pixels**. Name the JPG with your first initial, last name. Along with your JPG, complete and submit the application form to identify the title, media, and a narrative for the art piece. Applications can be completed here <https://form.jotform.com/210844906147154> please contact Samantha Williams, swilliams@ihclt.org for any questions.

ART GUIDELINES

a. EXHIBIT PRINT:

- a. Artists will have a **24 in x 36 in** print in the auction
 - i. A framed print, wired in the back and ready to hang
- b. Artists will need to submit an electronic version of their artwork as well for the virtual gallery
 - i. minimum of **2500 x 3750 pixels**, best quality will be approximately **6000 x 9000 pixels**. Name the JPG with your first initial, last name

b. FINAL PIECE

- a. The winning artist's artwork will hang in International House's hallway with their name and story. The final piece must be 24in x 36in or smaller.
- b. The JPG image of the artwork will be used in the organization's annual report and for event marketing materials for 2023, with the artist's name clearly written for the public to see. The JPG must be a scanned or digital image that does not need to be cropped or straightened.

c. ENTRY MUST BE ORIGINAL IN CONCEPT AND DESIGN

ARTIST ELIGIBILITY

- Be over 18 years of age
- Have as the content and purpose of their art the story behind their own journey to the United States as an immigrant
- Create a written narrative that enhances the impact of their artwork
- A resident of Mecklenburg County
- Only individual artists, no collaborative projects may apply.

SELECTION PROCESS & NOTIFICATION

All submitted works will be considered by a committee made up of community members. A scoring system will be used to evaluate the submissions by the following criteria:

- Artistic Quality
- Strength of narrative
- Clarity of theme to the viewer

All artists who submit work for consideration will be notified of the committee's decision by **July 1, 2022**. No more than TEN artists will be chosen as semi-finalists, and their artwork will be showcased in a virtual exhibit for the public to view.

The exhibit's winning artist will be notified by **July 1, 2022**

WINNER

- The winning artist will receive a stipend.
- Their artwork will hang in International House's hallway with their name and story.
- The JPG image of the artwork will be used in the organization's annual report and for event marketing materials for 2023, with the artist's name clearly written for the public to see.

PROJECTED TIMELINE

- **Submission deadline June 17, 2022**
- **Exhibit opens July 16, 2022**
- **Exhibit ends September 16, 2022**
- **Winning artist announced September 30, 2022**

TO APPLY: <https://form.jotform.com/210844906147154>

Submissions must include the following:

- **Artist Statement**
- **Resume:**
 - Maximum of 2 pages
 - Outline your recent experiences as an artist.
 - Include relevant images of past work.
- **Art Submission**
 - Include a written narrative for your artwork
 - Submit an electronic version of your artwork, 24 x 36 JPG, between 2500 x 3750 pixels and 6000 x 9000 pixels.
 - Save JPG as first initial, last name
 - If chosen as one of the final artists for the exhibit you will be asked to submit a **framed 24x36 print**, wired in the back and ready to hang
 - Artwork Title
- **Originality Certification**
- **Artwork Release**