

Call to Artists (all media forms)

Character Portraits Project

The Art Yard team, on behalf of Midland Film And Art, would like to hear from artists who are interested in taking part in a portraits project, which is planned to last for 3 months, starting in spring 2018. The plan is for the project to be funded by an Arts Council grant and selected artists representing all forms of portraiture will be commissioned to create a single portrait from 24 renowned characters nominated from Dudley and Sandwell areas. At least two of the portraits will be created in the spoken/written word.

If you would like to be considered for selection please let us know by returning the following information via email to The Art Yard team by 21st December 2017.

[1] Your full name.

[2] How would you describe your portraiture art/writing skill level?

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| (a) Novice | (b) Gifted Amateur | (c) Student | (d) Graduate | (e) Professional / Tutor |
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(It would help if you emailed an image [Jpeg or Pdf] of your portraiture work)

[3] Give a short outline of your experience as an artist.

[4] If selected, what medium would you use to create your given portrait?

(a) first choice

(b) second choice

[5] Briefly, why will taking part be important for your artistic development?

Selection is open to all artists who must be able to complete the work in the given timescale. Artists will be selected by The Art Yard team working with nominees from Cradley Heath Creative and local councillors.

Characters who are nominated will attend The Art Yard to model for an initial studio sitting with the artist. A choice of studio in The Art Yard will be made available to the artist free of charge. The project will involve participants being recorded on camera for inclusion in a movie documentary.

Completed portraits will be the property of Midland Film and Art. Artists have a fixed budget of up to £50 to spend on materials, will be paid for up to 10 hours portraiture work and framing costs will be handled separately by the commissioners. Additional time involved will be considered as a donation in kind.

An exhibition of the portraits will take place at The Art Yard, following which the works will be donated to support the annual charities nominated by the Mayors of Dudley and Sandwell.

Participants and guests will be invited to attend a venue yet to be fixed for the premiere of the project movie, which will be made available on-line at www.mfaa.co.uk/video-library.

We look forward to as many of you as possible applying to take part.

Kind regards

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