



Juried Exhibit

November Art Walk Exhibit Theme:  
***The DOORS of Opportunity***

Exhibit Dates: November 4 - November 18, 2010

PRIZES:

Peoples' Choice  
Best in Show Adult  
Best in Show Student

The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center invites artists residing in the United States to submit examples of their current works of art to be considered for entry into *The DOORS of Opportunity* Exhibit. This is a call to artists, students, businesses, and organizations that feel they have something to share that will enlighten, enhance and adorn the community. Utilizing doors donated to the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center, we invite you to create your work of art on a door. Artists are asked to submit their ideas based on lyrics or ideas from a song by **The Doors**, or how you see 'a door of opportunity.'

The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center strives to bring world-renowned artists and performers to Southwest Florida for entertainment and educational outreach programs. It hosts concerts, art festivals, charity benefits, and gala events to support the arts and local community. Its outreach programs benefit local children and the disadvantaged who would not otherwise have the opportunity or access to experience world-class cultural enrichment at such an intimate level. By providing a venue for local emerging artists, the Art Center serves as a platform for budding artists to showcase their work.

Florida Arts, Inc., founded in 1997 by Jim Griffith as a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization, leases and operates the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center for the City of Fort Myers. The Art Center holds the annual Florida Arts Festival and numerous other exhibitions, gala events, and performances. Florida Arts, Inc.'s mission is to nurture innovation and excellence in the visual and performing arts through these events and community outreach programs.

In addition to its artistic mission, Florida Arts, Inc. works to preserve history and restore the building which houses The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center, located in the historic federal building in downtown Fort Myers. The Old Federal Building opened in 1933 as a Post Office; the building was converted to a courthouse in the 1960s. It was later vacated and left in disrepair until Florida Arts, Inc. received a 99-year lease from the City of Fort Myers to repair and revitalize it. Last year, over 50,000 visitors toured the building.

The structure itself is a work of art, an impressive example of Neoclassical architecture, with twenty-foot ceilings and 8,000 square feet of available exhibition space. While there are no specific guidelines for dimensions or sizes of the pieces that will be accepted for exhibit, the curator encourages innovative and unique installations of artwork with immense proportion that can be hung from either its massive walls or from its 20-foot ceiling, or displayed on its magnificent marble floors.

### **SUBMITTING EXAMPLES OF YOUR ARTWORK**

1) **Online:** Submit two (2) images of your most recent work and your proposal for your DOORS artwork to:

[kim@sbdac.com](mailto:kim@sbdac.com)

*All entries must be digital files. Image files cannot exceed 2MB or a height or width greater than 800 pixels. The file format must be JPEG. Images must be saved*

2) **Regular Mail:** Submit two (2) images on a CD or print of your most recent work and your proposal for your DOORS artwork to:

Kimberly Becker, Director of Artful Events  
Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center  
P.O. Box 1562  
Fort Myers, Florida 33902

3) **Hand Delivery:** Submit two (2) images on a CD or print of your most recent work and your proposal for your DOORS artwork to:

Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center  
2301 First Street  
Fort Myers, Florida 33901  
Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday

### **PROPOSAL AND IMAGE EXAMPLES DEADLINE**

Digital or printed images of your most recent works of art must be received by via e-mail, regular mail or hand delivery by **Monday, August 9, 2010, no later than 5:00 p.m.**

**We strongly recommend that artists send in their submissions early. Submissions will not be returned.**

## **YOUR PROPOSAL**

Please write a brief description of your style of work and your vision for the artwork you would like to create using a door.

## **CRITERIA FOR ARTWORK**

Artists are asked to create a two- or three-dimensional piece based on the following theme:

Something old, something new, open your mind to create a form of art that is usable. Thinking of a door as never before, has value and opens a door of opportunity for all - the creator, the customer, the community, the venue - The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center.

This is a call to artists, students, schools, businesses and organizations that feel they have something to share that will enlighten, inspire and adorn the community. Utilizing doors donated to the Art Center or new doors, with approval. This diverse group will market the show to allow everyone to sense that we have many opportunities awaiting us. A door – a first impression – inviting one in.

We suggest each door have a finished value of \$500.

## **ENTRY FEE**

There is no charge for submitting a preliminary proposal and examples of your work via e-mail. If you are approved for entry into the exhibit, an entry fee of \$50.00 will be required and will be used to offset necessary expenses to include advertising, printed materials and artist reception(s). Preferred payment is by check; please make checks payable to Florida Arts, Inc. and mail to:

Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center  
P.O. Box 1562  
Fort Myers, Florida 33902

(Please be sure to indicate on your check that this is an entry fee for  
*The DOORS of Opportunity* Exhibit)

## **JUDGING AND ACCEPTANCE**

All artwork must follow as close to the original proposal as possible. Extreme deviation from your original concept should have prior approval by curators. All artwork must be original and will be judged according to presentation, artistic merit, creativity and excellence. All artwork may be accepted or rejected for display at the discretion of Florida Arts, Inc. The jurors will

select award winners. All properly prepared entries will be viewed and judged. The decision of the jurors is final.

### **NOTIFICATION**

Artists who are accepted for entry into the exhibit will be notified via e-mail on Friday, August 13. The results will not otherwise be made public until they are published on the SBDAC website. All accepted artists will be notified of the specific day to select and pick up a DOOR, on a first come, first served basis.

### **DELIVERY OF ARTWORK AND DELIVERY DEADLINE**

An Entry Form will be attached to the e-mail acceptance message, which must be completed and attached to your delivered artwork. This form must include the following: Title of Work, Artist Name, Artist Contact Information, Materials Used, Dimensions, Weight, Sales Price, and Artist Statement (250 words or less), telling us something about your artwork, your creative process, or what the theme means to you.

All accepted pieces must be delivered **ready to hang, including any special hanging or displaying devices that need to be used, plus any special installation instructions. Attach a copy of the completed, signed entry form to each piece.** \* If you have your artwork shipped and request that it be returned in the same manner, you must include a pre-paid return shipping label and reusable packaging.

### **\* NO EXCEPTIONS**

Artwork must be shipped or delivered to **arrive on Monday, November 1, 2010, no later than 5:00 p.m.**

**Please deliver to:**

**Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center  
2301 First Street  
Fort Myers, FL 33901**

### **LIABILITY**

By submitting an entry to this exhibition, participants agree that Florida Arts, Inc., will not insure the artwork; artist will be responsible for the cost of insurance during the exhibit and for all shipping costs and insurance costs during shipping to and from the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center. Florida Arts, Inc., will have no liability for the protection of submitted work during the exhibit or during shipping. We are not responsible for lost mail.

## **ACCEPTANCE/USE**

All artwork may be accepted or rejected for display at the discretion of Florida Arts, Inc. Entry in the exhibit constitutes agreement to the conditions set forth in this prospectus. The artist grants permission to Florida Arts, Inc. and The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center to photograph or digitally re-print any work or slide accepted for the exhibit for archival purposes, publicity or publication, or for film or television programs which are published, produced, or sponsored by or with permission of The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center, or to scan artist's work or slides for the web page. All work must remain for the duration of the show.

## **AWARDS**

The winning submissions will be determined by creative vision, innovation, potential to engage an audience, presentation (i.e., quality of the artwork), and overall impression.

Awards per category:

People's Choice, \$500  
Best in Show (Adult), \$250  
Best in Show (Student), \$100

## **SALE OF ARTWORK**

All artwork must be available for purchase. Proceeds from the sale of artwork will be split as follows: 60% to artist and 40% commission to Florida Arts, Inc. Florida Arts, Inc., will process all sales, to include 6% sales tax.

You may e-mail questions to: [kim@sbdac.com](mailto:kim@sbdac.com) or call 239.940.0024/or 239.333.1933 if you need help with your submission.

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

**Monday, August 9** – Deadline for proposal for your artwork and examples of your recent work, no later than 5:00 p.m.

**Friday, August 13** – Notification via e-mail to artists of acceptance into the exhibit

**Monday, September 20** – If you would like to participate in a photo opportunity of your work for media launch, you may deliver your completed artwork on Monday, September 20, no later than 5:00 p.m. The photo opportunity is schedule for September 21.

**Monday, November 1** – All completed artwork to be delivered to the Center, no later than 5:00 p.m.

**Thursday, November 4** - VIP and media reception

**Friday, November 5** - Art Walk and exhibit opens at 6:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, November 10** - Wine on Wednesday (Tentative)

**Thursday, November 18** – Gala Event and Partnership with **Doors Without Homes** to benefit Lee County Homeless Coalition (Tentative)

**Friday, November 19** – Exhibit is closed, load-out of artwork completed by 12:00 p.m.

