

NEWARK ARTS COUNCIL

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Newark Arts Council Announces Five Open Calls For Participation in 2016 Open Doors Citywide Arts Festival

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Newark, NJ – The Newark Arts Council is excited to announce five Open Calls for artists, galleries, and producers to participate in the 2016 Open Doors Citywide Arts Festival. Open Doors is Newark’s largest multi-day celebration of the visual and performing arts, occurring over four days from October 20-23, 2016.

Now in its 15th year, the festival draws thousands of visitors, as more than 40 venues join forces to showcase visual, performing, and literary art. In 2016, the festival will run concurrently with the Geraldine R. Dodge Poetry Festival and Newark Celebration 350, a yearlong tribute in honor of the city’s 350th birthday. The artist community (including artists outside of Newark) is invited to participate in the Open Doors Festival to further Newark’s prominence as an artistic and cultural powerhouse.

Call for Artist Opportunity

Artists! Do you want to have your work seen by thousands of people?

This call is for individual artists who want to be considered for exhibition and other opportunities,

including curator review, during Newark Open Doors.

Opportunities for individual artists include consideration for curated exhibits, access to temporary space in which you can individually showcase your work, art fair/project style during October 20-23, and having your artwork shared with curators. The images and information gathered in this form will be used actively by NAC staff to promote the artists and the festival, including via a social media campaign featuring exhibits and artists. Please supply images that you feel great about!

Submission of this form does not guarantee you space. Please submit works that are representative of what you would showcase during October. Incomplete applications, work that has been exhibited during Open Doors in previous years, and works older than 3 years will not be reviewed or considered. Works will be insured under the Newark Arts Council's policy during the time they are on view in the exhibition space. The Newark Arts Council provides no support for preparation of work, i.e. framing, wiring, any related supplies or transportation. Works submitted must be ready for display.

Call for Established Galleries

Galleries: join us in an exciting reboot of Open Doors for its 15th year!

This call is for established/full time Newark galleries and museums to list Open Doors exhibitions, opening receptions and events.

The Newark Arts Council would like to list and promote the exhibitions and events that you will host from October 20-23, 2016. We are requiring ALL exhibitions, including pop ups, to have consistent minimum hours you are open, in an effort to improve the Open Doors visitor experience. The Gallery Crawl will be Friday, October 21 from 5-9pm; Saturday, October 22 hours should be, at minimum, 12-6pm; and Sunday, October 23 Open Studio hours should be at minimum 12-5pm.

Call for Special Projects

Do you want to create a pop up exhibit in NJ's largest city?

This call is for people who want to create pop up exhibits, either in spaces you already have access to, or in spaces that you get access to by working with the Newark Arts Council. Proposals can be from Newark-affiliated culture workers, or from culture workers outside of Newark.

All pop up exhibits fully registered by the deadline will be included in promotional listings. Pop ups are defined here as exhibits that take place in temporary or non-traditional spaces.

We are requiring ALL exhibitions, including pop ups, to have consistent minimum hours that they are open, in an effort to improve the Open Doors visitor experience. The Gallery Crawl will be Friday, October 21 from 5-9pm, Saturday, October 22 hours should be at minimum, 12-6pm and Sunday, October 23 Open Studio hours should be at minimum 12-5pm.

The Newark Arts Council will provide insurance.

Call for Open Studios

Artists! Do you want your studio to be visited by curators and critics? Get listed!

This call is for Newark artists who have studios and will have them open on Sunday, October 23rd.

We are requiring everyone to have consistent minimum hours as follows – Sunday, October 23 11am-4pm. The reputation and potential of the entire festival rests upon positive visitor experiences, thus we must provide them with accurate and trustworthy information about when they can visit spaces.

The images and information gathered in this form will be used actively by NAC staff to promote artists' studios and the festival, including via a social media campaign featuring exhibits and artists. Please supply images that you feel great about!

Call for Events and Event Proposals

Do you want to create a fantastic public event as part of Newark's citywide arts festival?

This call is for galleries and individuals to list and/or propose public programs and events for Open Doors 2016. Events can be, but are not limited to, screenings, workshops, artist talks, performances, readings, concerts, happenings, etc.

Please indicate if you have a space in which to hold your event, or if you want to hold an event but are looking for a space in which to hold it. We cannot guarantee space for events but are working to connect event producers with available spaces.

This year the NAC has contracted with Gallery Aferro to produce Open Doors, your contact person will be Evonne Davis, she can be reached at opendoors@newarkarts.org or 862-234-5782

About Newark Arts Council

The Newark Arts Council is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization created to advance and expand the artistic and cultural resources of the City of Newark, New Jersey. The Council's mission is to bring the transformative power of the arts into the lives of those who live in, work in, and visit Newark. The Council is the umbrella for the Newark Arts Education Roundtable (NAER) and is a partner with the Mayor's Office of Cultural Development, Arts, and Tourism. The Council awards neighborhood grants through its ArtStart program and sponsors the citywide Open Doors Festival every October. For more information, visit www.newarkarts.org.

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