## Discover Bucks Museum, Church St, Aylesbury HP20 2QP

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## Call for entries

- The exhibition is a new Open Art event for adults and is open to both professional and amateur artists and craftspeople based in Buckinghamshire. It allows our visitors to view the wideranging creative talent that exists locally. It also provides an opportunity to promote artists exhibiting in Bucks Open Studios 2023 and other Bucks based shows.
- The exhibition runs from Saturday 29 April to Saturday 8 July 2023 and the standard opening hours are Tuesday to Saturday 10am 5pm. Entry to the museum and exhibition is by a Discover Bucks Museum pass (adults £5.50 for an annual pass, children free)
- The exhibition will take place in the Art Gallery on the first floor.
- Discover Bucks Museum will endeavour to show as many entries as possible but will carry out an initial selection process on Monday 27 March using digital images sent in with Entry Forms.
- On 28 April the selection panel will judge the final show. Awards will be as follows:
   'First prize' £250, 'Second prize' £100, 'Third prize' £75
   A People's Choice award of £100 will be voted for during the exhibition and awarded at the end.
- There will be an opening launch and awards presentation on Friday 28 April 5-7pm. Exhibiting artists and other interested parties are invited.
- Artists are welcome to be present in the gallery at other times by arrangement for talks, demonstrations, meet the artist opportunities, drop in or bookable workshop activities. Artists to provide these free of charge. Please note on Entry Form if interested in any of these activities.

## **Terms and conditions**

- Submissions for this exhibition will only be accepted by email from artists who have completed
  the authorised Entry Form and sent in a jpg image of each item submitted.
- Accepted categories are painting, printmaking, drawing, sculpture, ceramics, textiles, glass, photography and mixed media.
- The exhibition excludes installation work, video, audio, work involving movement or moving parts, work requiring electrical input, and work requiring suspension or floor fixings. Reproductions of original works are not eligible.
- Work will be displayed at the discretion of the museum exhibition staff with regard to environmental constraints, security, and health and safety regulations.



- The museum exhibition staff will be responsible for the hanging of the show and reserve the right to refuse any work deemed unsuitable or inappropriate for display. This may include works using materials that may be a threat to the museum displays (e.g. insect infestation).
- Please note that whilst every effort is made to ensure the security and safety of the exhibition, submissions are left at the artist's own risk. Artists requiring insurance for their work must arrange their own insurance cover.
- The museum will charge 35% commission on sales. Work must remain on display for the duration of the exhibition.
- Payment to artists for any work sold will be organised after the conclusion of the exhibition.
- Artists may prepare if they wish an information sheet (max one side A4 only) about themselves and their work for an information folder to be viewed by the visiting public.
- Completed entry forms and jpgs of artwork (approx. 1MB) must be emailed to art@discoverbucksmuseum.org by Friday 24 March. Late entries will not be accepted.
- A £5.00 per item submission fee (non-refundable) is to be made via the museum website.

## **Submission and presentation of work**

- Each artist is invited to submit up to 3 pieces of work for exhibition.
- The maximum sizes of 2D work is 100cm x 100cm. 2D work must be fitted with mirror plates on the sides of the frame ready for hanging (artists may provide picture wire or cord and eyelets taped to the back for the later convenience of purchasers).
- The maximum sizes of 3D work is approx. 100cm x 50cm x 50cm. Sculptures will be on open display and should be able to be moved/carried by one person.
- All work must be delivered to the museum ready to hang or stand.
- All work must be labelled in block capitals on the back and with a tag to hang over the front stating your name, address, title of the work and selling price (if applicable). 3D work should be labelled securely with a tag.
- Closing date for entries is Friday 24 March. Digital images of work sent in with Entry Forms will be reviewed by a selection panel on Monday 27 March 2023. Artists will be notified if their work has been accepted or not by 31 March. Images may be used for publicity purposes.
- Selected work must be delivered to the museum in Church Street, Aylesbury, on **Monday 24 April** between 10am and 3pm.
- Artists will be advised of any work sold during the exhibition.
- At the end of the exhibition unsold work must be collected from the museum on Monday 10 July 11 3pm.
- The museum cannot arrange collection or delivery of work.
- Limited parking will be available in the museum courtyard for dropping off and collecting work.

  There is also some street parking and it is recommended that artists adopt carpooling if possible.

