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CENTRE FOR VISUAL ARTS IN KENYA

KENYA ART FAIR 2017

17 – 19 November 2017

Sarit Expo Centre, Nairobi

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS FOR WASANII 2017

The Kenya Art Fair is Kenya's premier art fair in Nairobi, focusing on contemporary visual art from the artists in Kenya. The art fair was established to recognize, and nurture excellence in the contemporary visual arts and represents the only fair of this kind in the region open to the local and international art scene. The organizing team's mission is to promote emerging and established artists and make contemporary art accessible to all.

With all the major stakeholders in the visual arts industry exhibiting, visitors will find everything that an artist would need to survive in this field of work, all under one roof, and also have the opportunity to view, learn and even make purchases. Never before in this region has there been an event of this scale dedicated to the visual arts and with the increasing rise in levels of disposable income among Kenyans, coupled with the growing development of the arts as a lucrative profession, stakeholders in the arts industry cannot afford to miss this event.

As part of the Kenya Art Fair's mission to promote the growth of the visual arts in the region, each edition of the fair includes the *Wasanii Exhibition* which exhibits emerging artists alongside established artists. The focus for this year's exhibition is **COHESION**. Any attempts at imagining a cohesive society must necessarily start from an acknowledgement and examination of our many differences. Without concerted efforts to understand different lived realities of all those who make up this society, and work across these differences, the claim to cohesion remains untenable. Accordingly, artists are invited to make submissions that elaborate, confront, and question our visions of a cohesive society.

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SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Eligibility

1. *Wasanii* welcomes submissions in any media and any style, and artists at all levels of their careers are encouraged to apply.
2. Artworks submitted for consideration must have been made within the past two years, and artists should submit no more than 3 works for consideration.
3. For two dimensional (2D) works, work submitted should be a minimum of **40cm x 40cm** and a maximum of **200cm x 200cm**.
4. For three dimensional (3D) works, submissions should be a minimum of 50 x 50 x 50 cm, and a maximum of 200 x 200 x 200 cm.

For the first round of the selection process, artists are required to submit a maximum of 6 images of work (2 images for each individual work) via email, according to the guidelines laid out below.

Submissions should be sent to kenyaartfair@gmail.com

Work Submission Guidelines

The quality of your submission is critical for your consideration and should, accordingly, show your work in the best light.

1. All submissions **MUST** be photographs of actual work; slides, catalogues, and PowerPoint presentations will not be considered as submissions.
2. All submissions **MUST** include:
 - a. Up to date contact information of the artist; full name (first name, middle name, surname)
 - b. Captions for each work submitted for consideration: Title, Medium, Dimensions, Year
 - c. An artist's bio/profile of no more than 200 words
 - d. **(Optional)** A description of no more than 100 words for each submitted work, including any contextual or technical information pertaining to the work.
3. Digital images
 - a. Submit up to six (6) images
 - b. Image files must be JPEGs (.jpg), min. width 1920 px.
 - c. Each file name must be saved as **LastName-FirstName-#.jpg**, e.g. *Doe-Joe-1.jpg*
 - *In the case of collaborative works the name used in the file name should be that of the primary contact*
 - d. Captions **MUST** include Title, Medium, Dimensions, and Year.

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- e. Prints, catalogues, PowerPoints, and Original artwork WILL NOT be accepted as submissions.

All submissions, prepared in accordance with the guidelines stated above, should be sent to kenyaartfair@gmail.com. Any submissions that do not come in through the provided address will NOT be considered.

Deadline for submission: **26 September 2017**

Applicants will be informed of the status of their submission via email on or before **29 September 2017**.

All applicants whose first-round submissions are accepted will be required to deliver the original artworks to the Kuona Trust offices on or before **14 October 2017**. Any work submitted after this date will not be considered.

Artwork, once delivered to the Kuona Trust Offices, will be reviewed by a selection committee which will then make the final selection of works to be included in the Wasanii Exhibition of the 2017 edition of the Kenya Art Fair.

Sale of artwork: A commission of 30% shall be taken for every artwork sold during the fair. All payments to artists for work sold will be done after the close of the fair in the form of a cheque addressed to the artist.

While every possible care will be taken in the handling and installation of artwork, the exhibitors will not be liable for any damage to the artwork that occurs while the work is in transit to and from the site of the exhibition.

Clarifications on the above, and any inquiries can be directed to our contact person, Linda Barasa, through the following channels.

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