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Call to Artists for BAM Biennial 2010: Clay Throwdown!

BAM launches new exhibition series. \$5,000 cash prizes.

BELLEVUE, WA – Bellevue Arts Museum is excited to launch a new exhibition series entitled **BAM Biennial**. A juried exhibition occurring every two years, the **BAM Biennial** will bring attention and exposure to the work of contemporary artists and craftsmen in the Pacific Northwest.

For each edition of the **BAM Biennial**, **Bellevue Arts Museum** will designate a new focus, exploring a specific medium, technique, process or theme in art, craft and design, the Museum's artistic focal point. Clay is the theme for **BAM Biennial 2010: Clay Throwdown!** Artists are encouraged to take a creative approach to the material, considering both traditional expressions of ceramic art and the fringes of the medium, where concepts of art and craft merge. The deadline for submissions is **December 31, 2009**. Two cash prizes of \$5,000 as well as a future solo exhibition at **BAM** will be awarded during the run of the exhibition, which is scheduled for **August 28, 2010 - January 16, 2011**.

"Fostering Northwest artists and craftsmen is a key commitment of Bellevue Arts Museum," says BAM curator **Stefano Catalani**. "We see ourselves as a catalyst for regional artists. The **BAM Biennial** is yet another way in which we shed light on the incredible talent and craftsmanship we have here in the Northwest, and a great opportunity to spark new conversations around the country on the blurring boundaries between of art, craft and design."

The **BAM Biennial** builds on the tradition of the *Pacific Northwest Annual*, which was originally organized by Seattle Art Museum and then resurrected at BAM in 2001. With its focus on art, craft and design, the competition fills a unique niche in the Northwest arts community.

ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility is limited to artists currently residing, working or studying in the Northwest region, including: Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Alaska, Montana and British Columbia. Artists may be of any age and at any level of recognition or stage in their artistic careers. Both new and established artists are strongly encouraged to apply.

SUBMISSION MATERIALS

Artists are required to submit the following materials by December 31, 2009: completed application with \$35 application fee, up-to-date résumé, 10 - 20 images (preferably digital) representing past work with an emphasis on recently completed projects, a project proposal description up to 400 words and any supporting proposal documentation such as drawings or sketches. The application form can be found at:

<http://www.bellevuearts.org/exhibitions/biennial/index.htm>

AWARDS

John & Joyce Price Award of Excellence

\$5,000 cash prize plus a solo exhibition at Bellevue Arts Museum within 2 years

Peoples' Choice Award

\$5,000 cash prize

JURORS

Stefano Catalani	Curator, Bellevue Arts Museum, Bellevue, WA
Namita Wiggers	Curator, Museum of Contemporary Craft, Portland, OR
Akio Takamori	Artist, Seattle, WA
Bif Brigman	Collector, Seattle, WA

DEADLINES

All entries must be received by **December 31, 2009**. Winners will be notified by January 31, 2010.

APPLICATION FORM & MORE INFORMATION

<http://www.bellevuearts.org/exhibitions/biennial/index.htm>

About Bellevue Arts Museum

Bellevue Arts Museum is the Pacific Northwest's center for the exploration of art, craft and design. A leading arts center on the Eastside, **BAM** celebrates regional, national and international artists working in a broad range of craft media, including ceramics, fiber, metal, wood and glass. The Museum also offers a unique array of free or low-cost educational and community programs such as artist demonstrations, lectures and workshops as well as a variety of engaging and fun hands-on kids activities. The **Bellevue Arts Museum artsfair**, the largest and most prestigious arts event in the Pacific Northwest attracting over 350,000 visitors, is held annually in July. **BAM** is located in the heart of downtown Bellevue, provides free parking and is wheelchair accessible. www.bellevuearts.org

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