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DVAC ANNOUNCES THREE CALLS FOR ARTISTS SUBMISSIONS OPEN FOR NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR ARTISTS

DAYTON (August 05, 2016) – The Dayton Visual Arts Center (DVAC) is opening the call for submissions for three upcoming opportunities for local and regional artists. These calls offer opportunities for inclusion in the Biennial Call for Major Shows, the Holiday Gift Gallery, and the 2017 CSA (Community Sponsored Art) program.

These opportunities are for emerging and established artists to gain exposure and experience through a formal showing at DVAC'S professional, contemporary, 1,800 sq. ft. downtown Dayton gallery. Artists 18 years of age and older are invited to apply now through DATE. There is no entry fee to participate for DVAC members and submissions will be accepted through the free online service CaFÉ (Call For Entry). Each of these three calls is juried by a qualified panel of artists and art professionals from throughout Dayton and the Midwest.

“Juried shows are extremely important because they reflect not just one voice, but a variety of voices and viewpoints from arts professionals across the Midwest and nationally,” said Eva Buttacavoli, Executive Director of DVAC. “Running three calls simultaneously may seem ambitious, but having experienced art professionals hand-select works for presentation is a top priority of DVAC. Consistently presenting the best-of-the-best artists, vetted by experts in the field, is a priority for DVAC and it is how we connect to dots between the artist, the patron and the community.”

The Biennial Call occurs every two years and is an open call for artist proposals for solo or group exhibitions for shows that will take place during the gallery's 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 seasons. Artists selected for the Biennial Call will be awarded a modest stipend, an illustrated color brochure with a critical essay, digital documentation of the installation and an opportunity to have their work travel to additional venues throughout Ohio. The Biennial Call submission is open via CaFÉ at callforentry.org and the deadline for online submissions is September 1, 2016 at midnight.

The Holiday Gift Gallery open call takes place annually and artists selected will have to opportunity to sell their works during 2016's ARTtoBUY, DVAC's annual "giftable" gallery. Submission is open via CaFÉ at callforentry.org and the deadline for online submissions is September 1, 2016 at midnight.

The 2nd annual CSA open call provides selected artists with a commission to create an edition of new work which will be offered to shareholders. Designed like Community Supported Agriculture programs, shareholders then receive fresh works of art in the summer. Submission is open via CaFÉ at callforentry.org and the deadline for online submissions is January.

Jurors for the Biennial Call are:

- **Erika B. Hess** Founder, Portolio Prep Boston and a Wright State University Alumnus
- **William Potter** Associate Professor of Foundation Studies, Herron School of Art and Design, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis and 2014 DVAC Biennial Call Artist
- **Emily Sullivan Smith** Assistant Professor and Coordinator, Foundations, Department of Art & Design, University of Dayton, OH

Jurors for the Holiday Gift Gallery are:

- **Tom Heaphey and Vicki Rulli** owners/artists at Itinerant Studio, Springfield, OH
- **Loretta Puncer** artist and gallery owner, Gallery 510 Fine Art, Dayton, OH
- **Shari Rethman** Dean, Liberal Arts, Communication and Social Sciences, Sinclair Community College

For more information about the open calls for artists or upcoming artist opportunities, visit www.daytonvisualarts.org.

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ABOUT DVAC

The Dayton Visual Arts Center (DVAC) helps sustain the arts community by providing a place to show, market, and sell work and also helps satisfy the needs and wants of art-lovers who have a place to see artists' work and, often, meet the artists. At its core, DVAC advances art for the community and a community for artists. DVAC receives operating support from the Ohio Arts Council, Culture Works, Montgomery County Arts & Cultural District, The Dayton Power & Light Foundation and the Virginia W. Kettering Foundation. Community Partner Members include Houser Asphalt & Concrete, LMG-Lunne Marketing Group, LWC Inc., Mousaian Oriental Rugs, Premier Health, Square One Salon & Spa, **vellaINC**, and members.

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5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. on First Friday