

Exhibiting at Buxton Museum and Art Gallery

The temporary exhibition programme at Buxton Museum and Art Gallery consists mostly of exhibitions of contemporary art by living artists.

There are three exhibition spaces – Gallery 1, Gallery 2 and the Foyer – and we hold five exhibitions a year in each space. Three slots are filled by annual exhibitions and another three slots are used for exhibitions of the museum's own collections. The remaining nine slots are available for exhibitions by any artist who applies.

The artists are selected at an annual planning meeting in December which decides the programme a year in advance i.e. in December 2011 the programme for the whole of 2012 will be decided. Thus, all the exhibition galleries are already fully booked until the end of 2012.

There are no specific criteria for selection. Our aim is to have a balanced and interesting programme across the year so we are looking for a range of media and a balance between emerging and established artists. There are no geographical preferences - the only limitation is that artists must be able to arrange and pay for the delivery and collection of the artworks.

How to apply

There is no application form to fill in. If you wish to be considered for an exhibition, you should send the following information to Martha Lawrence, Assistant Museums Manager (see contact details below):

- Images of your work, ideally as digital images on a CD or as good quality photographic prints. Exhibition catalogues can also be submitted. There is no fixed number of images to send but 8 to 15 images is a good number to aim for. If you have a website this is useful as background information but the programming meeting takes place in a room without internet access so a CD or prints are also needed. Please do not email images unless this has been arranged beforehand.
- Information about yourself or your group e.g. a CV or a group history/leaflet. This should include a postal address where we can contact you.
- An artist's statement or exhibition proposal. This is your opportunity to tell us about the ideas behind your work and where your artistic practice is going. For applications by groups, you should also explain why you wish to exhibit together i.e. how your members' artwork will work together as a whole.

The deadline for applications is 30 November although in practice we accept applications up to a few days before the programming meeting. If it is close to the 30 November general deadline, contact Martha to check when the final cut-off date is.

Our aim is to provide artists with a future opportunity to work towards so we treat the images and artist's statement submitted as examples of your artistic practice so far and

fully expect that completely new work could be produced for your exhibition. Depending on which exhibition slot is offered, artists will have between 12 months and 2 years to prepare for the exhibition.

The information supplied in your application will be held on file until the exhibition programming meeting in December. At this meeting the museum staff will consider all applications made throughout the year together and decide the programme for 2012. Afterwards, everyone who has applied will receive a letter either offering them a specific exhibition slot or informing them their application was unsuccessful.

Further questions

Artists often meet with Martha Lawrence to talk about their proposal, view the exhibition spaces and show their work, if appropriate. Please phone or email Martha to make an appointment if you would like to do so.

If you have any questions about exhibiting at Buxton Museum and Art Gallery or the application process do not hesitate to contact Martha.

Contact details for questions and applications:

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