



## Halton Black History Awareness Society

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### Call for Artists

### *Emancipation Art Exhibition*

June 21 – August 27, 2023, Helson Gallery, Georgetown

The Halton Black History Awareness Society (HBHAS) is a passionate group of multicultural individuals, dedicated towards implementing cultural education into the public and institutional mindset, mitigating racism, inequality, and injustice, and progressing Halton towards recognition as a Cultural Capital of Canada. We created the annual Emancipation Art Exhibition to bring awareness to the community about the black experience seen through the creative work of our artists. The exhibition aims to educate the public about black history and celebrate the freedom that came with Emancipation.

The Helson Gallery is a public gallery which features rotating exhibitions of local art, private collections and travelling exhibitions. Located within the Library & Cultural Centre in the Town of Halton Hills, visitors can also enjoy artwork in the Centre's Sisnett Lobby.

For this year's annual Emancipation Exhibition, Artists are invited to submit work to be exhibited in both the Helson Gallery and Sisnett Lobby of the Town of Halton Hills Cultural Centre. The show will be a Juried Exhibition with prizes to be awarded to artists that best reflect and articulate the Black Experience.

In lieu of artists fees, \$1000 in Jurors awards will be presented at the opening reception **June 25th from 2-4pm.**

#### **Eligibility**

This call is open to African Diasporic artists residing, or belonging to Artist organizations in Halton Region and surrounding GTA. Original works in two and three dimensional media are eligible to a maximum of 48 inches in any dimension. You may offer your work for sale, but it is not a criteria for eligibility.

#### **Terms of Entry**

Artists may submit up to 6 pieces of creative work in any form made during the past 36-48 months for consideration. Submissions may include work in craft media and can be displayed in lockable showcases in the gallery and lobby.

Artists must submit at least one piece (or series) directly reflecting the meaning and experience of Emancipation along with a relevant artist statement.

**Works sold are subject to a 20% commission on sales of art (plus HST on the 20%).**

## Submissions

Please email both Grace Anika Dilawri [gdilawri@uwo.ca](mailto:gdilawri@uwo.ca) and Kara Bruce [kbruce@haltonhills.ca](mailto:kbruce@haltonhills.ca) a maximum of six examples of your work in jpg form labeled with the artist's name and title of work. Please specify which piece reflects the theme of emancipation with the corresponding statement. Please include these details in the submission: title, medium, price and size, and brief bio and artist statement. **Deadline to apply is May 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Drop-off arrangements will be confirmed closer to the date, installation will be on June 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. Work should be ready for hanging – including suitable wiring.

## Jurors

**Francesca Durham** is a holistic coach, mentor, and facilitator who helps people find wellness, balance, and self-confidence through the healing benefits of expressive art and harp workshops. She's been the Project Art Curator with HBHAS for the past six years. In fact, was Vice-Chair for two years before turning her hand to fully developing presence in the community by exhibiting the annual Emancipation Art Exhibition at the Helson Gallery in Georgetown, Halton Hills.

**Grace Dilawri** is a second year student at Western University currently majoring in the School for Advanced Studies in the Arts & Humanities (SASAH) program and pursuing an honors specialization in English Literature. Her interest and passion for art is long standing and has studied art over the course of her secondary and post-secondary education.

**Judy Daley's** work in the visual arts spans four decades as an arts professional and practicing artist. She was curator of the Town of Halton Hills Helson Gallery (2013 - 2022) and served as Assistant Curator and later Curator of the Peel Art Gallery (PAMA) from 1986 - 2013. Her drawings and mixed media works have been featured in numerous exhibitions throughout Ontario.

**Dennis Scott** is the Chair of the Halton Black History Awareness Society and former Chair of the OS Emancipation Festival where he initiated both successful Emancipation Art Exhibitions. As a former Board Member with the Art Gallery of Burlington, and a 2022 Platinum Jubilee Award

winner, he's focused on promoting Canadian Black history through Art, Literature, Music, Theatre, and Cultural Education.

<b>Location</b> Town of Halton Hills Helson Gallery 9 Church Street Halton Hills ON L7G 2A3 <a href="http://www.haltonhills.ca/gallery">www.haltonhills.ca/gallery</a>	<b>Open to the Public</b> Wednesday: 9:30am-5pm Thursday: 9:30am-5pm Friday: 9:30am-5pm Saturday: 9:30am-5pm Sunday: 1-5pm
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