

***Church of The Messiah***

***Live at Bell Tower: Spirit of the Artist***

# Call for Proposals

***Issue Date: July 1, 2017***

***Submission Deadline: August 30, 2017***

***Call To: Visual and Performing Artists***

## **Summary**

"The Spirit of the Artist" is a salon series presented courtesy of a generous grant from the Diocese of Toronto. This series invites artists to explore the intersections of spirituality and creativity. We welcome applications from all faith backgrounds (including those who come from no faith background, but explore spirituality within their artistic practice).

**There is no rental fee for this series, and artists will be compensated with a small honorarium.**

The process schedule for the series is as follows:

There are three deadline for proposals, with the first event taking place on Sept 15th. Scheduling will take into consideration which artists have finished work to present and which artists are at conceptual stages. Detailed dates are included later in the CFP under the heading "Timetable".

Artists for the first quarter of the project will be notified by August 31st as to whether or not they will be included in the series. Artists of all types are encouraged to apply: visual, performing (theatre, dance, musicians, multi-disciplinary) provided they are able to both present their art and discuss their spirituality.

Proposals must include:

- Curriculum Vitae
- Detailed artist bio and statement. (300 words, maximum)
- Proposal for presentation/performance/exhibit. (between 300-500 words)
- Photos or samples of artist's previous work or links to artist's website.

## **Introduction**

This salon series is a pilot project of a new artist series in the space at The Church of the Messiah, located in midtown Toronto at the intersection of Avenue Road and Dupont Street. The Church of the Messiah is a large open-concept space that is fully accessible. We operate a small coffee shop, and as part of this outreach, we aim to establish a culture hub in our community. The Spirit of the Artist is our first large-scale project that aims to bring members of the neighbourhood together to experience art, community, and discussion in our space.

## **The Vision:**

Ideally, this project will bring together people from the surrounding community to enjoy arts from many disciplines, begin inter-faith dialogues, and establish the church space as an arts space in the neighbourhood.

## **Space Description:**

The space is open-concept, with seating for approximately 200 people. It is easily arranged in a variety of ways for individual needs.

## **Building Features and Amenities:**

- Building is accessible, although bathrooms are not up to modern code. (no barriers or steps)
- Special occasion permits may be acquired (at the expense of the exhibitor)
- Full-service coffee shop on site
- Live-streaming
- Gender-neutral washrooms
- Project budget includes lighting and sound system
- Two baby grand pianos on site (Steinway and Weinbach)

## **How to Submit a Proposal**

All proposals should be submitted no later than 5pm on deadlines outlined below to:

[viviakay@gmail.com](mailto:viviakay@gmail.com) with the subject line: SPIRIT OF THE ARTIST

All accompanying documents should be included in a single PDF document.

## **Proposal should include:**

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## **Timeline:**

**Proposal deadlines are as follows:**

**5 pm August 30**

**5 pm October 1st**

**5pm December 30th**

Series begins on Sept 15, detailed schedule available upon acceptance. Events will be scheduled on Friday evenings, with setup to begin at 6pm and event to begin at 7pm until approximately 9pm.

### **Confidentiality**

All submissions will remain confidential. Upon acceptance, artists will be required to sign a waiver detailing the following:

All events will be live-streamed.

A copy of the artist's bio and proposal will be published on the event's website.

***Bell Tower is committed to equity. People of all faiths, gender identities and expressions, sexualities, and racial backgrounds are welcome. Every effort to provide accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities.***