



CALL TO ARTISTS

# Artists as Activists

Curated by Rolando Chang Barrero

**NEW** Exhibition Dates: May 14-June 26, 2021

## VISION

Artists currently working in fine craft\* creative disciplines who are incorporating current social justice themes into their work, from climate change to elder care, are invited to explore, discover, and create works that may challenge the status quo, prompt conversations, and effect change from old narratives.

Content, context, mastery of craft, best use of media, as well as, definitions and interpretations of "political vs. social justice" art will be brought forth for the artist and viewer alike.

Featuring work by artists from around America, this exhibition will highlight current Florida and national issues, trends, and innovations that impact our society.

Florida CraftArt invites emerging, mid-career, and established artists to submit recent original work in the following categories: \*Ceramics, fiber, jewelry, metal, mixed-media, sculpture, and wood.

**Cash awards.**

## DETAILS

1. Artists are invited to submit recent work related to the themes.
2. Download the application online at: [FloridaCraftArt.org/artist-opportunities/artists-as-activists](http://FloridaCraftArt.org/artist-opportunities/artists-as-activists)
3. Email images and application to [RolandoBarrero@mac.com](mailto:RolandoBarrero@mac.com) and [Exhibition@FloridaCraftArt.org](mailto:Exhibition@FloridaCraftArt.org)
4. Jurying process: The curator and a jury panel will use your digital images to select entries based on originality, creativity, quality and complexity of workmanship, artistry and impact as represented in the images submitted.
5. See other side for complete information.

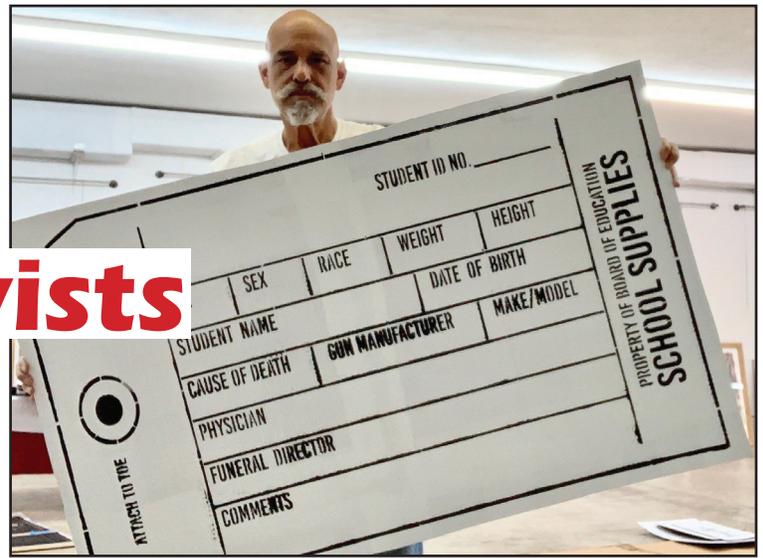
### SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

This exhibition is made possible in part with grants from

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Curator and artist Rolando Chang Barrero holds one of his social justice pieces from the "School Supplies for the Next Generation" series.

"Say Their Names," below, is a ceramic bowl by Kimberli Cummings.



## Important Dates And Information

**Submission period opens:** January 14, 2021

**Submission deadline (Early):** February 21, 2021

**Submission deadline (Late):** March 15, 2021

### EARLY entry fees are:

Florida CraftArt members: \$25 for up to 3 works

Nonmember: \$40 for up to 3 works

### LATE entry fees are:

Florida CraftArt members: \$35 for up to 3 works

Nonmember: \$50 for up to 3 works

**Notification of acceptance via email:** Week of March 25, 2021

**Selected artwork due at Florida CraftArt:** May 3-7

**Opening reception, awards, curator/artist talks:**

May 14, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

**Closing reception and People's Choice Award:**

June 26, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

**Art Pick-up:** June 27

For general exhibition information or questions related to the call to artists, contact: email [RolandoBarrero@mac.com](mailto:RolandoBarrero@mac.com) or visit [FloridaCraftArt.org/artist-opportunities/artists-as-activists](http://FloridaCraftArt.org/artist-opportunities/artists-as-activists)

# Exhibition Guidelines

1. **Up to 5 pieces, using fine craft techniques, completed after January 1, 2018 may be submitted.**

2. All formats of fine craft art will be considered, including wall-hung, free-standing, suspended or pedestal mounted and art to wear.

3. All work must be original in concept, design and execution. Small production studio work will be considered. Work created in a class, workshop, or from a kit or purchased pattern is not eligible.

4. **Work must be for sale.**

5. No substitutions for accepted artwork will be allowed. All work must remain on display until the conclusion of the exhibit **June 26, 2021**

6. Submitted images may be used for marketing and promotional purposes directly related to this exhibition by Florida CraftArt. Copyright and all other rights remain that of the artist.

7. All accepted entries must be received ready to install or with limited assembly. Any mannequins for wearable art, hanging rods, armatures or other special installation equipment and/or instructions must be provided by artist. Suspended work may not exceed 50 pounds – special exceptions may apply.

8. Shipped works requiring glazing must use Plexi-glass or equivalent. Glass may be used on hand-delivered pieces.

9. Each accepted work must arrive with labeling (artist name, title, media) and the completed consignment form securely attached to the piece or on the hanging device.

10. Florida CraftArt reserves the right to reject work that is not represented accurately in the submitted images and description. Works that arrived damaged, are poorly constructed, poorly presented or not up to the specified hanging standards will be returned to the artist.

11. Florida CraftArt will insure work in its possession during the exhibition. Artists are responsible for providing their own insurance while the work is in transit.

## Entry Procedure

1. Download the entry form at:

<http://www.floridacraftart.org/artist-opportunities/>

2. Fill it out the entry form. Agree to conditions. Apply to call.

3. Save the entry form as: **Yourlastname, firstname, Activists Entry Form.**

4. Email the entry form to: [Exhibition@FloridaCraftArt.org](mailto:Exhibition@FloridaCraftArt.org)

5. **Email one full and one detail image of each work to:** [RolandoBarrero@mac.com](mailto:RolandoBarrero@mac.com) and [Exhibition@FloridaCraftArt.org](mailto:Exhibition@FloridaCraftArt.org)

6. Label your image files with the title of the piece and view, e.g. **Smith\_Glory\_full and Smith\_Glory\_detail.**

7. Image files must be JPEG only; no smaller than 1920 pixels on the longest side; file resolution of 300 ppi/dpi; maximum file size 3 MB. Send image of full work and detail.

8. Pay the entry fee at [www.FloridaCraftArt.org](http://www.FloridaCraftArt.org) with Visa or MasterCard or mail a check to: Florida CraftArt, 501 Central Avenue, St. Petersburg, FL 33701. Make sure that you indicate the artist's name on the account.

9. Write artist statement of 250 words or less.

## Shipping

1. Shipping to and from Florida CraftArt is the responsibility of the artist. Detailed delivery and shipping instructions will be emailed with your acceptance notification.

2. All work must be shipped in sturdy containers with NO PEANUTS in the package. The artist must provide credit card information for return shipping costs. Please include a visual packing list (photos) with your art, and any assembly instructions.

3. Your works will be returned to you in new packing material, suitable to make an insurance claim should one be necessary. You will be charged at cost for the packing and shipping by the professional shipping company.

## Sales

1. Florida CraftArt will handle sales transactions while work is on exhibit and will ship work to buyer when the exhibition is over. Shipment of all sold objects will be paid by the purchaser.

2. All sold items must remain on display for the duration of the exhibition and will not be forwarded to the purchaser until the end of the show.

3. There is a 45% commission on sales and 55% goes to the artist. Artists should consider this when pricing their work. The price of a piece may not be changed after acceptance into the exhibition.

4. Payments to the artist for all sold pieces will be within 30 business days after the closing date of the exhibition. It is the Artist's responsibility to contact the Florida CraftArt Gallery Manager with the correct mailing address for the check, if different from the consignment form.

## About Florida CraftArt

Florida CraftArt is a statewide nonprofit organization representing Florida's fine craft artists.

Our large gallery showcases more than 250 artists. Our exhibition gallery features curated shows of innovative art by international, national and local artists.

Educational programming includes collectors' lectures, docent tours, workshops and meet-the-artists events. Founded in 1951, our mission is to grow the statewide creative economy by engaging the community and advancing Florida's fine craft artists and their work.

Our CraftArt Festival, held the weekend before Thanksgiving, is a two-day contemporary fine craft festival featuring over 100 nationwide artists.

The second floor of our 100-year-old building is home to Florida CraftArt's ArtLofts: 19 artists' studios and a meeting room called the Creative Loft. ArtLofts are open by appointment or by chance, and on ArtWalk, every second Saturday, 5 to 9 p.m.

**Florida CraftArt is located at 501 Central Avenue in the heart of downtown St. Petersburg, Florida.**

**(727) 821-7391 [FloridaCraftArt.org](http://FloridaCraftArt.org)**