



APPLICATION DEADLINE: February 13th 2015

Exhibition Duration: April 30th to May 14th

Opening Reception: Saturday, May 2nd, 2015, 2pm-4pm (winners announced)

Location:

The Outlet at Leigh Square
2580 Shaughnessy St.
Port Coquitlam, BC V3C 2A8

Curators:

Diane Moran, moraninthemoon@gmail.com
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Leigh Square First Annual Juried Youth Art Exhibition: Call for Submissions

The Friends of Leigh Square Society is implementing an annual juried exhibition of fine and literary art by District 43 students from grades 9-12 in May of 2015. The society will work with art teachers in the district to cull student work that will then go forth to be adjudicated. Only the artworks that pass the jury selection process will be hung on the walls of the Outlet and Gathering Place at Leigh Square for the exhibition period.

Title: *Mindfulness in May 2015: The Silence of Stigma*

Seeing that the exhibition is taking place not only during Youth Week but also during Mental Health Awareness Week, we have chosen the topic of **Stigma**. We encourage students to explore what Stigma means to them in their own lives and in their own language. Students will draw inspiration from whatever stigma means to them, and perhaps even, what it means to be impacted by stigma. We believe the resulting exhibition will be a great success and create powerful conversations surrounding the subject.

All mediums will be accepted: 2D and 3D works, video, and written word.

Funding: The Society applied, along with the British Columbia Schizophrenia Society, for a Port Coquitlam Community Foundation Grant and was successful in securing some funding to help cover supplies as well as prize money for the students. Any school wishing to apply for funding to help cover canvas, paint, and framing costs may contact the organizers of the event for details on how to do so. A minimum amount is available and will be given out on a needs basis OR first come first serve. Contact Diane Moran for information pertaining to funding. We are very proud to offer a prize for the Juror's Choice Award. Three awards will be given to the top three outstanding works, plus a prize for the writing contest, thanks to the Port Coquitlam Community Foundation Grant.

Prizes:1st \$1502nd \$1003rd \$75

Writing Contest: \$50 plus a gift basket

Jury:

The jury will include members of the Friends of Leigh Square Society Board and Mr. Graham Jones, Board Member of the BC Schizophrenia Society Foundation.

Helpful Resources:

Some potential interpretations of the theme (artists are encouraged to come up with their own interpretations too):

- Mental Health & Wellness (anxiety, depression, eating disorders, schizophrenia, etc.)
- In the arms of your loved ones
- Breaking the silence
- Advertising ideas of stigma
- People or creatures impacted by stigma (eg.) Black cats are bad luck
- Country/nation/cultural ideas
- Poverty
- A lifestyle/ sexual orientation
- Ironic juxtapositions sigma of homelessness
- Animated/personified

To Apply:

(DUE: February 13, 2015)

- JPEG image of your submission
- Limit 2 images per person
- Save files with artist's last name and title of image
- In the body of the email, include: Artist name, title of piece, medium, dimensions, brief description
- Late submissions or substitute images will not be hung

Email Submissions to:

Diane Moran moraninthemoon@gmail.com

Deadline: Entry Deadline February 13, 2015

Notification of acceptance: on or before March 13, 2015.

If accepted, a curator will follow up with any additional informational details regarding time of set-up, etc.

Sincerely,

Friends of Leigh Square Society



Information Specific to the Youth Week Writing Contest - 2015

Submissions open October 14, 2014

Deadline: February 13th, 2015

Open to students and youth gr. 9-12, of School District 43.

There is no entry fee and the theme is Stigma. Writers are encouraged to draw inspiration from what "Stigma" means to them.

We will accept:

Only one submission per youth.

Fiction and Non-fiction (500-1,000 words, double spaced, pages numbered. Please place your full name, email and phone number in the top right hand corner of each page)

Poetry (you may submit up to 3 poems, 1 poem per page. Please place your full name, email and phone number in the top right hand corner of each page)

Submissions can be emailed to nikki_hillman@hotmail.com, with the subject line "Youth Week Writing Contest." Please attach your story as a word file, or cut and paste your story into the body of the email. If you have any questions, please email nikki_hillman@hotmail.com for more information.

The contest will be juried by local writers and the winning pieces from each category will be displayed at Leigh Square in Port Coquitlam, during Youth Week 2015.

Contest and Application Rules

1. **Important Dates:** See Attached Page.
2. **Who can Apply:** Any Student in School District 43 from Grades 9-12.
3. **Fees:** There are no fees associated with this exhibition
4. **Images:** Works should be submitted by the prescribed date and must all be in JPEG or PNG format and of highest image quality possible.
5. **Display:** All 2D works that pass the jury selection process must be delivered ready to hang. If a work is dropped off without proper hanging attachments, it will be disqualified from the exhibition. More details on this will be sent to students who are accepted into the exhibition.
6. **Shipping:** All accepted artworks must be dropped off on April 28th between 12pm & 6pm
7. **Sales:** The works displayed by the students are not to be for sale
8. **Selected work** – The jury decision is final but conditional to proper submission of the artwork represented by the images. If the image submitted is a misrepresentation of the actual artwork, it may be refused.
9. **Exhibition Agreement:** By submitting an image to the exhibition process, you are committing to deliver the artwork should it successfully pass the jury process.

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Timeline:

February 13th: All submissions in. Jury to make decisions. Artist's contacted and provided with deadline info.

Feb 28: Curators to have all images (high res) and artist statements collected and submitted to Leigh Square for promotional use.

April 28: Delivery of chosen Work to Leigh Square between 12-6pm. This can be negotiated if students are unavailable to come during school time.

April 29: Installation of works with Leigh Square staff and curators in attendance (and students if available). Install typically takes places from 10-2pm. This can be negotiated if students/curators are unavailable during the day.

April 30: Exhibition opens to public.

May 2 (2-4pm): Opening reception at Leigh Square. Winners announced.

May 4 (7-8:30pm): Free Public Educational salon style discussion and information exchange in honour of Mental Heal Week in the Gathering Place Living Room, hosted by BC Schizophrenia Society.

May 14: Last day for the exhibit.

May 15: Take down of works with Leigh Square staff and curators in attendance (and students if available). Take down typically takes place from 10-12pm. Collection of Works by artists between 12Noon-6pm same day.