



Call for Entries

IN THE FLESH AND BEYOND:

Artists Contemplate Their Own Vision of Jesus

Entry Deadline: March 11, 2017

Show Opening: April 7, 2017

Entry Fee: \$25/piece, max 3 pieces

Awards: up to \$250

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Prospectus:

Most of us, whether religious or not, have a fixed mental image of Jesus Christ drawn from historic depictions. These mental images are often based on cultural stereotypes, political circumstance, and theological interpretation. However, a race- or gender-specific depiction of Jesus is limiting. In life, Jesus' aim was to banish racial, social, and class distinctions. Jesus is, symbolically, "all in all"—everyman, everyperson. What is your visual interpretation of Jesus? Are your images of Jesus literal, metaphorical, or something else entirely? Berkeley Community Church (United Church of Christ) invites artists to use their chosen media to address their perspective.

Head Juror:

Cecily Cullen, Curator and Managing Director, Metropolitan State University of Denver's Center for Visual Art *"As creative director at Metropolitan State University of Denver's Center for Visual Art, Ms. Cullen continually creates sophisticated exhibitions that take a global and multicultural look at art or offer comprehensive overviews of mediums and techniques. She is passionately motivated by an international scope and possesses an innate eye for making inspiring visual connections."* – Susan Froyd, *Westword*, January 27, 2015

In addition to her work at the Metro Center, Ms. Cullen has juried many well-known exhibitions, including the Cherry Creek Arts Festival.

About Berkeley Community Church (BCC):

Berk Church, as it is affectionately called, is a surprisingly open, welcoming, come-as-you-are North Denver institution that has been in the neighborhood for over 100 years! BCC is an integral part of its neighborhood, offering a community garden, providing park clean-ups, hosting space for events and classes

such as music, bilingual yoga and preschool, among many other activities. Our pastor, Lizka Randall, came up with the idea for this art show after contemplating the few and limiting images available to the congregation representing Jesus. More at: <http://www.berkchurchucc.org/>

Submission Guidelines:

Process – Ms. Cullen will choose individual pieces based on technical application, originality, and interpretation of the concept. We are looking for fresh and new interpretations of this historic icon! Works that interpret the subject matter in an exceptional manner visually, as well as intellectually, will be selected and awarded.

Artwork selected for this show will be on display for one year with the option to sell. Buyers will take possession at the end of the year.

Criteria – This show is open to all artists, secular (no religious affiliation necessary) submissions are encouraged. Accepted mediums: painting, drawing, printmaking, sculpture, fiber, photography and digital art. Simply put, all genres are welcome! Size limit is approximately 5x5 maximum, flexible to medium. Accepted works must be properly prepared using braided wire, professionally presented, and ready to hang. Sculptures must include instructions for display. Additional framing/ hanging/display requirements or idiosyncracies will be emailed to accepted artists.

Liability – Berkeley Community Church (BCC) will take all due precautions to protect the art. However, BCC is not responsible for loss due to damage, theft, vandalism or accident. If work is especially fragile, it is submitted at the artist's own risk. Artist is responsible for his/her own insurance.

After notification and end of show, any artwork not picked up by designated deadlines will be considered abandoned. Abandoned artwork will be considered property of BCC and may be sold to cover storage fees. Please insure we have good contact information to avoid this.

Submission Fee - \$25 per piece, no more than 3 pieces submitted by any individual artist. Payments may be made in cash or check made payable to Berkeley Community Church, c/o Jill Carstens, 3701 W. 50th Ave, Denver, CO 80221. **Submission fee is due upon drop-off of artwork.** Please direct questions to: jillcarstens2605@gmail.com.

Drop off/Notification: Artists may drop off their art to the Berkeley Community Church, 3701 W. 50th Ave, Denver, CO 80221, Friday, March 10, 9am to 1pm or Saturday, March 11 from 11am to 3pm. **Submission forms must be submitted with each piece of artwork.** Submission forms available at: www.berkchurchucc.org/ or via email: jillcarstens2605@gmail.com.

Artwork not selected for display will need to be picked up by 1pm, Friday, March 17.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Drop off: March 10, 11am to 1pm and March 11, 11am to 3pm

Deadline: March 11, 3pm

Notification: March 15 (notices will be sent via email)

Artist's Reception: March 31, 7pm, BCC

Exhibit Opening Reception (open to the public!): April 7, 5:00pm, BCC

Exhibition Closes: April 7, 2018

Last day to pick up artwork: April 10, 2018

