

The Hyattstown Mill Arts Project announces a call to artists for a public art exhibition

“**Wear Your Mask/Self-Portraits**” is a public art installation sponsored by the Hyattstown Mill Arts Project (HMAP). It will be installed along the state road Maryland Route 335 as it passes through the town of Hyattstown, Maryland. The project will serve as both an artistic expression and as a public service announcement.

Wearing a mask has been identified as the single most important action every person can take to inhibit the spread of the Coronavirus, that has caused massive death and suffering throughout the world. This project is intended to encourage all of us to practice this singular and simple precaution.

The “Wear Your Mask/Self-Portraits” project is asking artists to create a masked self-portrait. All paintings will be secured to telephone poles along the Hyattstown Rt. 355 corridor and thus be predominantly displayed to automotive traffic.

Exhibition requirements:

1. All images must be a self-portrait by the artist wearing a face covering.
2. Artworks must be created on an 18” x 18” (1/4” to 1/2” thick) wooden panel. No stretched canvases, please. Artists have the option of using their own 18” x 18” panel or arranging with the Hyattstown Mill Arts Project to provide them with a panel. When registering for the project, please be sure to indicate if you will need a panel. If so, HMAP will email you to make arrangements.
3. All works must be unframed.
4. The artist agrees that their first name (or synonym name if desired) will be **incorporated into the display of the artwork, along with the phrase “Wear Your Mask”. (See above image as example.) It is not necessary for the artist to paint any text on their artwork.** All text will be created by HMAP and incorporated into a frame, which will be provided by HMAP.
5. There is no fixed deadline for the delivery of artwork. The Hyattstown Mill Arts Project will be accepting artwork beginning on Saturday, August 22, 2020 and will receive artworks anytime thereafter. The exhibition will be closed to new participants after 30 artworks have been received. All participants must call or email the Hyattstown Mill Arts Project to schedule a non-contact delivery of their completed artwork.
6. Artist agrees to the loan of their artwork for a three-month period of public display.
7. There are no fees associated with this exhibition. “**Wear Your Mask/Self-portraits**” is a non-juried project.

Important to note:

1. This is an unusual exhibition in that it is not held in a supervised gallery setting. Artworks will be subject to possible weather damage, vandalism, theft and other potential loss. By loaning artwork to this exhibition, the artist must assume the inherit risk of loss or damage and will not hold the Hyattstown Mill Arts Project responsible, should such loss or damage occur.
2. Because commuting motorists will be the primary observers of the artworks, intricate detail will not be readily seen. Artists are encouraged to think in terms of bold graphic depiction.
3. Artist have the option to allow the Hyattstown Mill Arts Project to coat their entire panel with a clear water-based spar varnish to mitigate weather/water damage.
4. The installation will begin on August 22, 2020. The de-installation date of this exhibition is scheduled for November 14, 2020.

To participate in this project please register by emailing HMAP the attached registration form. If you seek additional information, please contact Bobby Donovan at bd@hyattstownmill.org or call 301-830-1142.