“The Rotunda Gallery”

A display of Trinidad and Tobago’s cultural and political heritage

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Artists & Collectors

The Parliament of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago is inviting submissions for our International Women’s Day Exhibition. This year’s theme is “Gender Equality Today for a Sustainable Tomorrow”. The exhibition will be held from 7th March – 1st April, 2022.

The Vision

International Women’s Day is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women - while also marking a call to action for accelerating gender equality.

Imagine a gender equal world. A world free of bias, stereotypes and discrimination. A world that's diverse, equitable, and inclusive. A world where difference is valued and celebrated. Together we can forge women’s equality. The theme for International Women’s Day 2022 is, “Gender equality today for a sustainable tomorrow”, recognizing the contribution of women and girls around the world, who are leading the charge on climate change adaptation, mitigation, and response, to build a more sustainable future for all.

Advancing gender equality in the context of the climate crisis and disaster risk reduction is one of the greatest global challenges of the 21st century. The issues of
climate change and sustainability have had and will continue to have, severe and lasting impacts on our environment, economic and social development. Women are increasingly being recognized as more vulnerable to climate change impacts than men, as they constitute the majority of the world’s poor and are more dependent on the natural resources which climate change threatens the most.

At the same time, women and girls are effective and powerful leaders and change-makers for climate adaptation and mitigation. They are involved in sustainability initiatives around the world, and their participation and leadership results in more effective climate action. Continuing to examine the opportunities, as well as the constraints, to empower women and girls to have a voice and be equal players in decision-making related to climate change and sustainability is essential for sustainable development and greater gender equality. Without gender equality today, a sustainable future, and an equal future, remains beyond our reach.

The theme for International Women’s Day is aligned with the priority theme for the upcoming 66th Commission on the Status of Women (CSW66): “Achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls in the context of climate change, environmental and disaster risk reduction policies and programmes”.

**Inspirational Tags**
Women in Leadership; Women in Politics; Women in Democracy; Generational Equality; Celebration of Women’s Achievements; Gender Equal World; Gender Equality; Sustainable World; Climate Change; Sustainable Development; Sustainable Future; Break the Bias.

**Important Notes**
- All visual art genres are acceptable (painting, photography, drawing, sculpture, prints, fabric art, collage, installation art, digital art).
- Submissions for this call are open only to nationals of Trinidad and Tobago.
There is no submission fee, but artists and collectors will be responsible for framing, transport, and insurance of their artwork.

No sexual content, violence, hatred, or propaganda.

The final decision on whether your artwork will be exhibited is at the sole discretion of the Office of the Parliament Rotunda Gallery Committee.

Artists and Collectors may be invited to exhibit by the Office of the Parliament Rotunda Gallery Committee or solicited through a call to artists.

The Office of the Parliament will, at the Artist’s request, make contact information available to persons interested in purchasing the artwork. All sales and related negotiations are the sole responsibility of the Artist.

You are required to submit the title, medium, year, size, and price of artwork.

### Important Dates

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<td>Email Submission deadline of artwork and other supporting documents to <a href="mailto:rotundagallery@ttparliament.org">rotundagallery@ttparliament.org</a></td>
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### Submission Guidelines and Requirements

- Proof of Trinidad and Tobago citizenship (National ID or Passport).
- Contact information (name, phone number, email address).
- A brief Artist Statement (not exceeding 300 words).
- An explanation of each piece submitted (not exceeding 150 words per piece).
- Images (at least 300 dpi) of up to three (3) pieces of work.
Documents must be submitted electronically to rotundagallery@ttparliament.org in Word format and images of work must be in JPEG format. See title examples below:
   ○ John Doe_National ID
   ○ John Doe_International Women’s Day_2022_24x44inches
   ○ John Doe_Artist Statement_2022

Collectors must submit proof of ownership of the artwork.

You are required to submit the title, medium, year, size, and price of artwork.

The Selection Process
Office of the Parliament Rotunda Gallery Committee will select artwork for “Gender Equality Today for a Sustainable Tomorrow” Exhibition.

Frequently Asked Questions for Exhibitions at the Rotunda Gallery

1. WHO CAN SUBMIT WORKS? Any citizen of Trinidad and Tobago.

2. WHAT CAN I SUBMIT? Artists and collectors can submit up to three (3) pieces of work in any medium or genre of visual arts which includes, painting, photography, drawing, sculpture, prints, fabric art, collage, installation art, digital art or other. No sexual content, violence, hatred, or propaganda. Unsuitable works will not be accepted.

3. I CANNOT COMPLETE ARTWORK BY THE DEADLINE, ARE THERE ANY OTHER OPPORTUNITIES? Yes, the Rotunda Gallery will be a permanent exhibition space to display Trinidad and Tobago’s cultural and political heritage. Follow the Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago and Rotunda Gallery on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter for future Calls for Submissions.
4. **HOW MANY WORKS CAN I SUBMIT?** Artists may submit **up to THREE (3)** pieces of artwork unless specific permission has been granted to submit a collection.

5. **WHAT IS THE SIZE LIMITATION?** The maximum size is 60 inches in height and 72 inches in width.

6. **WILL THE ARTWORK BE INSURED?** It is the responsibility of the artist or the collector to arrange all insurance. While every effort will be made to ensure that artworks submitted are handled carefully and well protected, all artworks should be insured door to door by the participating artist or collector.

7. **HOW WILL I KNOW WHETHER MY WORK HAS BEEN SELECTED?** You will receive an email informing you of the status of your submission.

8. **DO I HAVE TO FRAME MY ARTWORK?** For the initial electronic submission, the artwork can be unframed. Once you receive the email advising of the selection of your piece(s), you may proceed to the framing phase to prepare your work for submission day (unless your work will be exhibited virtually). All selected works must be professionally/tastefully mounted and ready for hanging or installation in the Rotunda Gallery.

9. **WHAT CAN I EXPECT ON FINAL SUBMISSION DAY?** Artists are required to bring in their work(s), ready to hang or display. The labels and submission form will be provided in the notification email. Both documents should be completed in advance and submitted with artwork.

10. **WHAT ARE THE GALLERY HOURS?** Due to current restrictions, visitors are not allowed at this time, so the exhibition and tours will be strictly online and virtual at Rotunda Gallery TT on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.
11. I CANNOT COLLECT MY ARTWORK IN THE WINDOW PROVIDED CAN I AUTHORISE SOMEONE TO COLLECT ON MY BEHALF? Yes. We DO NOT have a facility to store unclaimed works. Please arrange to collect your works within the window provided. If you are designating someone to collect your artwork you must send us an email with the person’s name, and they must provide photo ID on arrival.