



“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 **“Towards a Circular Economy: Imagining an Unpolluted Earth through Art”** exhibition in commemoration of World Environment Day, 2022. The exhibition will be held from **Monday 6th June to Friday 1st July, 2022.**

The Vision

World Environment Day is the United Nations’ principal vehicle for encouraging worldwide awareness and action for the environment. Held annually since 1974, the Day has also become a vital platform for promoting progress on the environmental dimensions of the Sustainable Development Goals. This year’s theme is “Only One Earth”. With the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) at the helm, over 150 countries participate each year. Major corporations, non-governmental organizations, communities, governments and celebrities from across the world adopt the World Environment Day brand to champion environmental causes.

The “Towards a Circular Economy: Imagining an Unpolluted World through Art” theme is designed towards raising awareness to conserve our environment in Trinidad and Tobago, and the ecological “footprints” we leave in the eco-space we call home, consistent with the Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations Vision/Mandate: Goal #6 – “Clean Water and Sanitation, Goal #7 – “Affordable and

Clean Energy, Goal #12 - "Sustainable Consumption and Production, Goal #13 - Climate Action.

The Rotunda Gallery welcomes submissions that depict the circular economy¹, which is based on the idea that there is no such thing as waste, in that good quality materials are used and optimized (recycled) for reuse. You are invited to submit pieces using recycled or elements of recycled materials in innovative ways.

Inspirational Tags

Only One Earth; World Environment Day; Conserving our environment; Preserving Ecosystems; Forests; Ocean; Marine Life; Sustainable Development Goals; Nature; Energy; Circular Economy; Recycle; Reuse; Reduce; No Littering; No Waste; Innovative; Trinidad and Tobago.

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.**

¹ A circular economy model aims to close the gap between the production and the natural ecosystems' cycles – on which humans ultimately depend upon.

Important Dates

Activity	Date
Call for Submissions	Friday 29 th April, 2022
Email Submission deadline of artwork and other supporting documents to rotundagallery@tparliament.org	Sunday 29 th May, 2022
Selection Notification via email	Tuesday 31 st May, 2022
Submission of artwork at the Rotunda Gallery, Red House	Saturday 4 th June, 2022
Deadline for collection of artworks from the Rotunda Gallery, Red House	Thursday 7 th July, 2022

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@tparliament.org in Word format and images of work must be in .JPEG format. See title examples below:
 - John Doe_National ID
 - John Doe_World Environment 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 “Towards a Circular Economy: Imagining an Unpolluted Earth through Art” 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?** The exhibition and tours will be online and virtual at Rotunda Gallery TT on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram and by appointment only for in-person viewing. To book an appointment, call 701-6133.
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.

¹ Sweden to host World Environment Day 2022. (2022). Retrieved 12 April 2022, from <https://www.unep.org/news-and-stories/press-release/sweden-host-world-environment-day-2022#:~:text=World%20Environment%20Day%202022%20will,%E2%80%93%20towards>

² Circular Economy - Definition, Principles, Benefits and Barriers. (2022). Retrieved 12 April 2022, from <https://youmatter.world/en/definition/definitions-circular-economy-meaning-definition-benefits-barriers/>