



“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 **“Healing through Art: Making Mental Health & Well-Being for All a Global Priority”** in commemoration of World Mental Health Day 2022. The exhibition will be held from **Monday 17th October to Friday 4th November, 2022.**

The Vision

World Mental Health Day is marked every year on October 10 to raise awareness about mental health around the world and to mobilize efforts to support those experiencing mental health issues. Art has been both an outlet to deal with and a means to raise awareness of mental health, and so, we are inviting artists to create artwork with this in mind, towards a mentally healthier and sound society. Every year since 2013, the World Health Organization (WHO) has organized a global campaign for World Mental Health Day, this year the Rotunda Gallery will join the global campaign.

The COVID-19 pandemic created a global crisis for mental health, fuelling short- and long-term stresses and undermining the mental health of millions. Estimates put the rise in both anxiety and depressive disorders at more than 25% during the first year

of the pandemic. At the same time, mental health services have been severely disrupted and the treatment gap for mental health conditions has widened.

Stigma and discrimination continue to be a barrier to social inclusion and access to the right care; importantly, we can all play our part in increasing awareness about which preventive mental health interventions work and World Mental Health Day is an opportunity to do that collectively.

The United Nations SDG #3 Goal, “Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all ages” endorses the need to treat with mental health issues. The Ministry of Health is also working with the Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO) and Non-Governmental Organizations in its fight against mental health stigma and discrimination.

Inspirational Tags

Trinidad and Tobago; Health; Mental Health; Mental Health Awareness; Mental Health Recovery; Mental Health Matters; Mental Health Advocate; Mental Health Support; Human Rights; PAHO; WHO; Suicide Prevention; End Depression; End Anxiety; Happiness; Self Care; Self Love; Motivation; Balanced Life; Wellness; Mindfulness; Healing; Therapy; Art Therapy; Positive Mind Set.

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

Activity	Date
Call for Submissions	Wednesday 21 st September, 2022
Email Submission deadline of artwork and other supporting documents to rotundagallery@tparliament.org	Sunday 9 th October, 2022
Selection Notification via email	Tuesday 11 th October, 2022
Submission of artwork at the Rotunda Gallery, Red House	Saturday 15 th October, 2022
Deadline for collection of artworks from the Rotunda Gallery, Red House	Thursday 10 th November, 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_Mental Health_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 judge the selection process for “**Healing through Art: Making Mental Health & Well-Being for All a Global Priority**” 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 gallery is open from 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. The exhibition will also be shown online @rotundagallerytt on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram and by appointment for in-person viewing. To book an appointment, call 624-7275 ext. 2365/2299 or 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.

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