



HUNTINGTON BEACH ART CENTER
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By Degrees: Art and our Changing Ecology

Open Call, Juried Exhibition on view April 15 - June 10, 2023

Presented by the Huntington Beach Art Center

Curators and Guest Jurists: Luciana Abait and Lawrence Gipe

[Submissions open Friday, February 10 @ 9:00am online](#)

CALL FOR ART

The Huntington Beach Art Center announces an open call for submissions to *By Degrees*, a juried exhibition of original artworks addressing critical environmental themes. As global warming becomes increasingly evident in our daily lives, artists around the world and in our communities are reflecting, creating and examining the climate crisis in response. *By Degrees* brings awareness to the severity and scale of our changing ecology as seen through the artist's eye.

Curators Luciana Abait and Lawrence Gipe will view the parameters of the "environmental" theme in the jurying process with a wide lens. Original art produced with conventional and non-conventional materials such as repurposed "non-art" resources and eco-activist documentation are eligible for submission and considered equally for exhibition.

JURISTS

[Luciana Abait](#) was born in Argentina and currently lives and works in Los Angeles. Her multimedia works deal with climate change and environmental fragility, and their impacts on immigration in particular. Abait's artworks have been shown widely in solo shows in galleries, museums, and international art fairs throughout the United States, Europe, Latin America, and Asia.

[Lawrence Gipe](#) is a painter, independent curator and Associate Professor of 2-D Studies at the University of Arizona. Gipe has had over 70 solo exhibitions in galleries and museums in New York, San Francisco, Chicago, Los Angeles, Miami, Munich, Berlin, Düsseldorf, and Beijing. His latest work engages issues like surveillance, climate change, and the Anthropocene.

THE HUNTINGTON BEACH ART CENTER

HBAC is a public/private community partnership between the City of Huntington Beach and the Huntington Beach Art Center Foundation, a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation. Founded in 1989, the Art Center Foundation raises funds for the Art Center program endowment and public exhibitions. The Art Center has been in continuous operation in downtown Huntington Beach since 1995.



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GUIDELINES

Artists are limited to two submissions of original art in any media completed in the last two years (2021-23). The jurors equally consider conventional (painting, drawing, mixed media, print, film photography, digital or video media) and non-conventional (such as installations, repurposed “non-art” resources, eco-activist documentation, etc.) artworks for exhibition.

Artworks installed in the galleries may not include live animals or decaying organic material. HBAC reserves the right to refuse work and terminate online profiles from the HBAC website and social media platforms without cause and exclusively at staff’s discretion. Works previously exhibited in any HBAC exhibition are ineligible for submission.

SUBMISSIONS & RESERVATIONS

Online submissions close on Thursday, March 2 at 5:00pm. Artists are required to complete an [online submission form](#) – including the artist’s name, artwork title, year, medium, measurements, (including frame, if applicable), and retail price (if applicable) – with high quality digital images for jury consideration. Selected artists will be contacted to schedule artwork drop by appointment.

DIGITAL IMAGES FOR JURY CONSIDERATION & ONLINE EXHIBITION

Artworks require a high-resolution JPEG image for jury consideration and online exhibition. Artists are advised to photograph submissions in a well-lit area, straight on, with nothing but the piece visible (no carpet, other artwork on walls, etc.). Low quality, blurry, or improperly cropped or rotated images may negatively influence the jurors’ decision.

- Acceptable file types: jpg, jpeg, png, gif, tiff, mp4, avi, pdf
- File name/label format: LastName_FirstName_Title

LOAN AGREEMENTS & WALL LABELS

The online submission form will populate the final Art Center loan agreement and wall labels. Printed copies of the completed form will be available for artists to review and sign when delivering artworks. While the Art Center carries general liability insurance, loaned artworks are not individually insured by the Huntington Beach Art Center or the City of Huntington Beach.

GALLERY INSTALLATION

The exhibition will be on view in the HBAC galleries in downtown Huntington Beach and archived in a virtual gallery on the Art Center’s website. Artworks must remain on site for



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the full duration of the exhibition. No exceptions made to remove artworks or alter the installation before the exhibition end date.

HANGING ARTWORKS

Wall-mounted artworks must be finished and ready to hang with sturdy picture-hanging wire and D-rings attached prior to delivery. Maximum display size is 84 inches (including frame) in any direction and maximum weight for wall hanging is 50 lbs. Artworks with missing or insufficient installation hardware will not be accepted upon delivery.

Please contact Art Center staff prior to submission if your artwork requires an alternative, more secure, hanging device (for example, a French cleat mounting system) or special display considerations.

PEDESTAL & FLOOR DISPLAYS

The maximum artwork size for pedestal display is 48 inches in width or depth. Pedestal and freestanding artworks and installations must be stable without additional hardware support.

VIDEO INSTALLATION

Artists may submit video artwork in digital format. HBAC accepts duplicate files in DVD format presenting the artwork on loop to enable continuous screening. A digital streaming link is required for inclusion in the virtual exhibition. HBAC will not accept nor replace Master DVDs. The Art Center has a limited supply of AV equipment to support video installations and a logistical consideration when selecting multimedia artworks for exhibition.

ART SALES

Exhibiting artists may – but are not required – to make artworks in the exhibition available for sale while on view at the Art Center. The Art Center allocates 70 percent of all artwork sales to the artist and 30 percent is retained to support HBAC exhibitions and events. The Art Center will not negotiate prices with a potential buyer. Artworks submitted for exhibition without a retail price are marked NFS (not for sale).

FEES

The jury fee is \$20.00 for one or two artwork submissions for jury consideration. Submission is not a guarantee of exhibition. Non-refundable payment is due at the time of submission. The Art Center accepts credit card or PayPal as payment. Submission fees support HBAC exhibition programming excellence.

ELIGIBILITY

Artists must be 18 years or older to submit artwork for jury consideration.



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OPENING RECEPTION AND EVENTS

The HBAC will host a public opening reception, an Art for Lunch event, a curatorial panel discussion and public workshops during the exhibition. Exhibiting artists are encouraged to attend all public events and participate in our community outreach.

IMPORTANT DATES

ONLINE SUBMISSIONS OPEN
Friday, February 10 at 9:00am

ONLINE SUBMISSIONS CLOSE
Thursday, March 2 at 5:00pm

ARTWORK DELIVERY
March 24 – 27
Delivery reservation required

ARTWORK PICKUP
June 12 – 13

OPENING RECEPTION
Saturday, April 15
Member & Patron Preview 5:30 - 6:30pm
Public opening 6:30pm - 9pm

PANEL DISCUSSION (TBC)
Wednesday, May 10 | 6:30pm - 8:00pm

WORKSHOP (TBC)
Saturday, June 3 | 12:00pm - 3:00pm

ART FOR LUNCH
Thursday, April 27 | 11:30am - 1:30pm

DELIVERY AND PICK UP

Artists are responsible for artwork delivery and pick up. Mailed artworks is not accepted without prior authorization. The artist or artist's agent with original loan documentation may pick up artworks from the Art Center at the close of the exhibition. The Art Center will not be responsible for preparing artworks for delivery or shipment. Works left onsite for more than 30 day after the exhibition close become the property of the Huntington Beach Art Center and may be relocated, sold, or disposed of by Art Center staff without notice to the artist.

[SUBMISSION LINK](#)

CONTACT INFORMATION

Visit www.huntingtonbeachartcenter.org for the most current information.

The Huntington Beach Art Center is located at 538 Main Street, Huntington Beach, California. Front desk staff are available to answer questions at (714) 374-1650 during regular gallery hours or by emailing artcenterstaff@surfcity-HB.org.