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CRT Downtown presents

# CREATIVE CORTLAND

A Community Visual Arts Exhibition

Theme: “*PERSIST*”

## ENTRY FORM INFORMATION

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**About the exhibition:** CRT Downtown announces an open call for visual art entries in a Cortland Community Arts Exhibition, open for viewing by the public **Friday, February 26 - Sunday, March 14, 2021.**

This exhibition will explore the idea of **persistence** by asking: **What happens to the imagination under prolonged pervasive circumstances?**

Art is catharsis. It is an emotional release. As creatives, we make work that conveys a mode of expression that is unique to our individual human experience. An audience connects with these various forms of expression to relate and react. 2020 has been a challenging year for us collectively with varying degrees of difficulty. Ultimately the result has been the exercising of imaginative outside-of-the-box creative discovery leading to new ways to be expressive and stay connected. We ask you as an artist: **How did you find communion with your creativity during prolonged pervasive circumstances?**

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## SUBMISSION DETAILS

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**Eligibility:** Entries will be open to residents of Cortland County - professionals, amateurs and high school seniors - and students and faculty from Tompkins Cortland CC and SUNY Cortland. Applications are available at [Creative Cortland - A Community Visual Arts Exhibition](#).

**Entry Application and Fee:** All presentation-ready 2D and 3D works are welcome for submission. Artists may submit up to 4 pieces for consideration, with a total non-refundable entry fee of \$10 for students, \$20 for all others. **Applications and entry fees must be received by CRT no later than February 8, 2021.** Payment may be made via credit card using the entry form, mailed to CRT, PO Box 783, Cortland, NY 13045 or by calling (607) 756-2627. CRT Downtown is open Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

**Artwork Submission:** Once the entry form is complete and payment delivered, images of the artwork must be submitted via email to [ArtGallery@CortlandRep.org](mailto:ArtGallery@CortlandRep.org). Please include the artist's name, medium, title of work, and size that corresponds with information submitted in the entry form. Artists will be notified via email of what work has been selected for the exhibition. Once notified, **only selected work will be accepted into the gallery**

### Artwork Preparation:

- 2-D works: All mediums are welcome. All must be properly framed and wired for hanging; glass is not required. Work should have gallery wrapped canvas or clean/finished edge.
- 3-D works: Work must not require assembly and must sit solidly on a surface (floor or pedestal).
- All artwork must have an attached label with artist name, title of work, medium, size and price (if for sale). Labels will be emailed with notification of acceptance.
- All accepted pieces must be dropped off at CRT Downtown, 24 Port Watson Street, between 9:00 AM Monday, February 15 and 5:00 PM Friday, February 19.

## **Creative Cortland – A Community Arts Exhibition Curator & Coordinator:**

Crystal Lyon - Artist and Creative Advocate, Adjunct Instructor & Digital Media/Art Tutor at Tompkins Cortland CC teaching design thinking, visual communication and traditional artistic techniques to non-artists, and CRT House Manager. My mission is to coax and encourage creativity in all forms in our community and to gather in sharing, networking and building creative spaces and community while expanding experiences in the arts in Cortland and beyond. Art is for everyone!

**How did you find communion with your creativity during prolonged pervasive circumstances?** “The challenges of the pandemic lead to a communion with my creativity and out-of-the-box collaboration. Persistence has led to the creation of socially distant drive-through experiences, Stories in the Park & Ghosts in the Park at Dwyer Memorial Park in Preble, NY. I have also rediscovered and explored my independent creative practices and projects. Persist!”

**Gallery Opening:** In lieu of a gallery opening and to adhere to social distancing guidelines, there will be a **Facebook LIVE stream Friday, February 26 starting at 7:00 PM**. Periodically over the three weeks of the exhibition there will be live streams interviews with participating artists discussing their work. This schedule will be developed and announced after artwork is accepted.

**Sales:** Artists may make pieces available for sale. CRT will collect a 10% commission on all pieces sold during the exhibition with sales handled by the CRT box office.

**Silent Auction:** The shutdowns caused by the pandemic have had devastating effects on the arts and entertainment sectors. As a community, it is within our power to help support the arts that enrich all our lives. Crystal Lyon will be donating original works to a silent auction with a starting bid of \$100 with all proceeds going to support Cortland Repertory Theatre. Artists can choose to participate by selecting one piece to donate with a starting bid of their choice. Winners will be contacted after exhibition closing on Monday, March 15.

**Exhibition Viewing:** The Creative Cortland - Community Visual Arts Exhibition is open for viewing from February 26 -March 14; Sat/Sun from Noon – 5:00 PM, and M-F 9:00AM - 5:00PM with a suggested donation of \$5.00.

**Insurance:** Exhibiting artists are not required to insure their work and consent to exhibit work at their own risk. CRT is not liable for any lost or damaged artwork, personal effects and/or equipment.

**Retrieval of Artwork:** Following the closing of the exhibition, **all pieces MUST be picked up Mon-Wed, March 15 - 17 between the hours of 9:00AM - 5:00 pm**. A \$1.00 per day charge will be in place for every day after March 17 that the pieces are not collected. Artwork left for more than 30 days will become the property of CRT.

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*Questions? Please contact Crystal Lyon at [ArtGallery@cortlandrep.org](mailto:ArtGallery@cortlandrep.org) or call (607)283 - 4879 or visit <https://www.cortlandrep.org/art-gallery/>*

