



“Advocacy Through Art”

Calling all Creatives -

OCA Mocha is accepting submissions of art that addresses any social issue for which you are an advocate or activist.

Art empowers us to creatively address the challenges of inequity, hate, discrimination, and oppression that have been fundamental in shaping our reality and that effect us and the people we care about everyday. Now, more than ever, people are speaking out about topics such as social and racial justice, LGBTQIA+ rights, women’s rights, mental health, disability awareness, and environmentalism.

We create art not only to reflect on or challenge the world in which we live and *how* we live in it, but also to educate and mobilize those with different experiences. Art is a lens through which we can learn to understand, empathize, and listen more deeply and intentionally to ourselves and to others.

At OCA Mocha, we’re dedicated to uplifting the voices of local artists and we value the diversity and inclusivity of our community. We are continually inspired by your artistic efforts to be agents of change and after a long year of violence and uncertainty, we’d like to focus on the work of those who have and will continue to make a difference and advocate for change in our community and, ultimately, our world.

Artists are invited to submit artwork— of any hangable medium— that addresses social issues for which they are an advocate or activist for this open call. All artists, regardless of location or experience, are encouraged to submit their best work.

This exhibition will be in-person at OCA Mocha; 5410 East Dr, Arbutus, MD 21227

Safety Protocols and Health Standards: This exhibition will be in-person at OCA Mocha pending further COVID-19 related announcements from Governor Hogan, the University System of Maryland, and UMBC. All changes will be communicated to participating artists. Health

standards involving mask-wearing and social distancing will be upheld while coordinating pick-up and drop-off of artworks.

Important Dates:

- Deadline for submitting your work is **Tuesday, December 1st, 2020**
- Notification of Selection will be emailed by **Thursday, December 3rd, 2020**
- All artworks must be dropped off at OCA Mocha by **Friday, December 10th, 2020**

Entry Fee: Free of charge.

Submission: The entry deadline is **Tuesday, December 1st, 2020**. Submissions must include:

- Contact information: name, phone, email, website, instagram (if applicable)
- Images of artwork to be considered
- Information about each artwork: title, FRAMED dimensions, medium, date created, short description (if applicable)

Please submit above to OCA Mocha's Art coordinator, Madeline Arbutus, at m166@umbc.edu with "Advocacy Through Art" as the subject line.

Eligibility: The call is open to all artists. All accepted work will be displayed online through OCA Mocha's website and Instagram. All images of artwork will be given by the artist.

Image Use/Copyright: OCA Mocha reserves the right to photograph and promote all artwork accepted for this exhibition across media, including printed materials, gallery website, and social media pages. All credit will be given to the artists.

Mission: OCA Mocha is a shared, multi-purpose space that fosters ongoing engagement between UMBC and its neighboring communities and promotes economic development in southwestern Baltimore County. By fostering social opportunities and economic development, OCA Mocha will be a catalyst to create genuine symbiotic relationships between UMBC and its surrounding communities. The Gallery at OCA Mocha is dedicated to promoting and showcasing the creative efforts of UMBC and the surrounding community in its mission to unite people through artistic expression.