**Being Female 2023: Art as Empowerment, Submission Form**

**MISSION STATEMENT**:

*Artists of all mediums and multi-media, who identify as female, are invited to individually and collaboratively create art that acts both as a vision and a vehicle of women’s empowerment and works to create a world where true freedom, equality, and justice exist.*

**EXHIBITION AND EVENT PROSPECTUS**:

On Friday, March 8 - International Women's Day - Being Female will hold a public celebration of local artists who identify as female at the Homer Center for the Arts. We are now soliciting submissions for that event that reflect what it means to be female in today’s world and how that experience has shaped the artist as an individual. This celebration will recognize creative activity across all media - the Visual Arts, Writing and Performance - and all artists identifying as female in Cortland County and the surrounding area are welcome to submit their work. Visual art that is accepted for exhibit will be featured in the Center's Art Gallery from March 1 through March 8. Those who submit to the Writing or Performance categories will have the opportunity to read or perform their creative work at the March 8 event.

The main qualifications for this event are that the artist must identify as female, the work must be original, and submissions must be available for the Gallery exhibit from March 1-8 or part of the public celebration to be held at the Center on March 8. **This is not a juried or competitive submission process.**Submissions will be reviewed in order to confirm that they reflect the artist's experience of being female and its impact on the artist's work. All submissions that meet those criteria will be included.

Finally, artists are strongly encouraged to submit their work digitally following the instructions and process described below. However, those who are unable to do so should send an email to beingfemalecortland@gmail.com and we will work with them to ensure that they are able to participate. Similarly, while the submission categories are intended to be broad and inclusive, please contact us if you don't think your creative work falls into those groupings; we will work with you and make every effort to accommodate it.

**SUBMITTING THE APPLICATION**:

The application is divided up into three categories of Visual Arts, Writing, and Performance; see below for specific sub-categories included in each overall category. Artists may submit work for more than one category but are limited to **one (1)** entry for **each** sub-category. All questions pertinent to the category the artist is applying for must be filled out.

Anyone having trouble uploading their entry file in the google form can email the file to us at beingfemalecortland@gmail.com, making sure that "Entry - BeingFemale" is in the subject line.

Artists who submit work to the Writing and Performance categories are strongly encouraged to participate in the Being Female Exhibit and Event Showcase to be held on March 8 at 7 p.m. You will have the opportunity on the submission form to indicate that you will do so. Information about set-up and other details will be provided to artists upon acceptance.

Finally, please be aware that all submissions to this program will be posted online - on the Being Female website - and therefore available to the public to see and appreciate.

***Visual Arts (Photography, Drawings, Paintings, Sculpture, Fabric Arts):***

Files should be titled in the following format: Artist Name\_Title\_Category\_Sub-Category\_Size

Example: JaneBrown\_MondayMorning\_Visual Arts\_Sculpture\_24Hx36Wx12Din

Image requirements: Up to 3 JPG files (please submit clear photos with a file size under 10 MB to ensure proper downloading)

Visual artwork accepted for the exhibition will be handled with the utmost care and all reasonable steps will be taken to ensure the appropriate display of your work. However, please be sure to include the sale price or the insurance value of your work on the entry form.

***Writing (Prose, Poetry, Plays):***

Files should be titled in the following format:  Artist Name\_Title\_Category\_Sub-Category

Example: JaneBrown\_SundayRain\_Writing\_Poetry

File requirements: Word or PDF (please keep file size under 10 MB to ensure proper downloading)

Guidelines: There is no word limit for writing submissions. However, the writing cannot exceed 8 minutes when being read aloud in order to meet performance criteria.

***Performance (Songs, Dance, Comedy):***

Files should be titled in the following format: Artist Name\_Title\_Category\_Sub-Category

Example: JaneBrown\_TuesdayTrust\_Performance\_Song

Submissions should be sent in the form of MP3 (or comparable) files or links to YouTube or comparable platforms. Submitted digital files should not exceed 10 MB to ensure proper downloading. In addition, submissions should not exceed 8 minutes in order to meet performance criteria.

**IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES:**

* Deadline for submitting entries:  **February 5, 2024**
* Dates for notification of acceptance:  by **February 19, 2024**
* Drop-off dates for accepted visual art: **February 23-24, 2024**
* Opening date for visual art exhibit (to include reception from 5-8 p.m.): **March 1, 2024**
* Pick-up dates for visual art: **March 8-10, 2024**

Thank you for your interest in Being Female. If you have any questions, please email the Committee at beingfemalecortland@gmail.com.

**Application**

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The name and photo associated with your Google account will be recorded when you upload files and submit this form. Only the email you enter is part of your response.

\* Indicates required question

Email\*

Your email