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Call for Artists Community Supported Art (CSA)

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: Friday, October 10th, 2014, 5:00 PM

BUDGET: \$600

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Contact jenny@cobaltconnects.ca

Call for Artists:

CoBALT Connects is seeking Hamilton/Burlington area artists to contribute a run of 15 pieces in their signature styles to be included in the 2014 Community Supported Art (CSA) collections. Selected artists will be paid an artists' fee of \$600, and will have their work included in collections along with other established and emerging artists representing a variety of artistic disciplines.

What is Community Supported Art?

Run by arts organization CoBALT Connects, CSA brings a buy-local approach to the Hamilton-Burlington arts scene. Popular in many US cities, the program commissions emerging and established local artists to create limited-edition works exclusively for the program, and offers art-loving locals the opportunity to begin collecting original art at an accessible price point. Think [community-supported agriculture](#), but for art.

How CSA works:

Through a jury process, selected artists are commissioned to create a limited run of 15 works. These could be unique items, a series of prints or editions, handmade or original works, or any other items of artistic production the artist would like to propose. Examples might include a run of screen prints, a series of small sculptures, a run of photographs, or even small original paintings. Collaborations between artists or work by collectives are also welcome.

Works will be included in the 2014 CSA collections, which will be sold to supporters of the program, packaged in a wooden “farm crate.” Supporters will pick up their collections at a December pick-up event. The pick-up event will be at a local art site and will feature music, food and entertainment.

Benefits of the CSA program include:

- Support for the creation of new artistic work
- Establish relationships with local collectors and patrons
- Participate in an exciting new model of art support and distribution
- CoBALT Connects will utilize its art connections and social network to promote participating artists

CSA Call for Artists: Application

All applications are due on or before **October 10th, 2014**, by 5:00 PM. Incomplete applications or those submitted after the deadline will not be accepted. Please submit the following information via email to jenny@cobaltconnects.ca with the subject line *CSA application*:

1. Resume, making sure it includes:
 - Your name
 - Current address + phone number
 - Link to website, if applicable
2. Samples of your current work: 8 images in jpeg format
3. Artist’s proposal (one page max.):

Artists' proposals must contain a brief description of the work you would create for the program, including the following:

- Item proposed
- Materials used
- Description of approximate size, scale, and weight of item
- Why is this work a good fit for Community Supported Art?

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SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO: Jenny Gladish,
Communications + Brand Lead, CoBALT Connects, via email:
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Please note:

- Selected artists will be notified by **October 15th, 2014**, and must complete their work and deliver it by **December 5th, 2014**.
- Works should be easily transportable, and should fit inside the confines of the CSA wooden "farm crate" (approximately 12 x 18 x 12 inches)
- Payment and delivery arrangements for participating artists will be available upon acceptance of contract.
- Artists must reside and/or work in the Hamilton/Burlington region, and be available for the pick-up party (Date TBA, and confirmed with selected artists)

Questions about CSA?

Feel free to reach Jenny Gladish at jenny@cobaltconnects.ca.

Community Supported Art is an initiative of Hamilton-based arts service organization [CoBALT Connects](#), and is inspired by the original CSA, led by Springboard for the Arts in St. Paul, Minnesota. For more details + information about last years' program, visit the [CSA website](#).