



“The Rotunda Gallery”

A display of Trinidad and Tobago’s cultural and political heritage at the Red House

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Artists & Collectors – International Women’s Day

The Parliament of the Republic Trinidad and Tobago is inviting submissions for our **International Women’s Day Virtual Exhibition** which will be held from March 8 to March 27, 2021. This year’s theme is: *“Women in leadership: Achieving an equal future in a COVID-19 world.”*

The Vision¹

International Women's Day is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women - while also marking a call to action for accelerating gender equality.

UN Women’s International Women's Day 2021 campaign theme is *“Women in leadership: Achieving an equal future in a COVID-19 world.”* The IWD 2021 campaign theme is aligned with the priority theme of the 65th session of the Commission on the Status of Women, *“Women's full and effective participation and decision-making in public*

¹ Adapted from the UN Women website, accessed on February 8, 2021.
<https://www.unwomen.org/en/news/stories/2020/11/announcer-international-womens-day-2021#:~:text=UN%20Women%20announces%20the%20theme,from%20the%20COVID%2D19%20pandemic.>

life, as well as the elimination of violence, for achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls”.

Women leaders and women’s organizations have demonstrated their skills, knowledge and networks to effectively lead in COVID-19 response and recovery efforts. Today there is more acceptance than ever before that women bring different experiences, perspectives and skills to the table, and make irreplaceable contributions to decisions, policies and laws that work better for all.

Equality is not a women's issue; it is a business issue. Gender equality is essential for economies and communities to thrive and a gender equal world can be healthier, wealthier and more harmonious. The race is on for the gender equal boardroom, a gender equal government, gender equal media coverage, gender equal workplaces, gender equal sports coverage, more gender equality in health and wealth.

Inspirational Tags

Parliament; Women in Leadership; Women in Democracy; Generation Equality; Celebration of Women’s Social, Cultural, Economic and Political Achievements; Gender Equal World; History of Women in Politics; Women in the Art World.

Important Notes

- ❖ All visual art genres are acceptable (painting, photography, drawing, sculpture, prints, fabric art, collage or installation art, digital art).
- ❖ Submissions for this call are open **only** to nationals of Trinidad and Tobago.
- ❖ There is no submission fee, but artists and collectors will be responsible for framing, transport and insurance of their artwork.
- ❖ No sexual content, violence, hatred or propaganda.
- ❖ The final decision on whether your artwork will be exhibited is at the sole discretion of the Office of the Parliament Rotunda Gallery Committee.
- ❖ Artists and Collectors may be invited to exhibit by the Office of the Parliament Rotunda Gallery Committee or solicited through a call to artists.

- ❖ The Office of the Parliament will, at the Artist's request, make contact information available to persons interested in purchasing the artwork. All sales and related negotiations are the sole responsibility of the Artist.

Important Dates

Activity	Date
Call for Submissions	Tuesday February 16, 2021
Email Submission of artwork and supporting documents to: rotundagallery@tparliament.org	Sunday February 28, 2021
Selection Notification via email	Tuesday March 2, 2021
Submission of artwork at the Rotunda Gallery, Red House, St. Vincent Street, Port of Spain	Wednesday March 3 to Friday March 5, 2021
Collection of artwork from the Rotunda Gallery, Red House, St. Vincent Street, Port of Spain	Thursday April 8, 2021

Submission Guidelines and Requirements

- ❖ Proof of Trinidad and Tobago citizenship (National ID or Passport).
- ❖ Contact information (name, phone number, email address).
- ❖ A brief Artist Statement not exceeding 150 words.
- ❖ Images (at least 300 dpi) of up to three (3) pieces of work.
- ❖ Documents must be submitted electronically in Word format and images of work must be in JPEG format. See title examples below:
 - John Doe_National ID
 - John Doe_Women in Politics_2020_24x44inches
 - John Doe_Artist Statement_2020
- ❖ Collectors must submit proof of ownership of the artwork.

The Selection Process

Office of the Parliament Rotunda Gallery Committee will select artwork for the International Women's Day Exhibition.

Frequently Asked Questions for Exhibitions at the Rotunda Gallery

1. **WHO CAN SUBMIT WORKS?** Any citizen of Trinidad and Tobago.
2. **WHAT CAN I SUBMIT?** Artists and collectors can submit up to three (3) pieces of work in any medium or genre of visual arts which includes, **Painting, Photography, Ceramics, Sculpture, Fabric or Other** (other media not listed) **No sexual content, violence, hatred or propaganda.** Unsuitable works will not be accepted
3. **I CANNOT COMPLETE ARTWORK BY THE DEADLINE, ARE THERE ANY OTHER OPPORTUNITIES?** Yes, the Rotunda Gallery will be a permanent exhibition space to display Trinidad and Tobago's cultural and political heritage. Follow the Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter for future Calls for Submissions.
4. **HOW MANY WORKS CAN I SUBMIT?** Artists may submit **up to three (3) pieces** of artwork, unless specific permission has been granted to submit a collection.
5. **WHAT IS THE SIZE LIMITATION?** The maximum size is 60 inches in height and 72 inches in width.
6. **WILL THE ARTWORK BE INSURED?** It is the responsibility of the artist or the collector to arrange all insurance. While every effort will be made to ensure that

artworks submitted are handled carefully and well protected, all artworks should be insured door to door by the participating artist or collector.

7. **HOW WILL I KNOW WHETHER MY WORK HAS BEEN SELECTED?** You will receive an email informing you of the status of your submission.
8. **DO I HAVE TO FRAME MY ARTWORK?** For the initial electronic submission, the artwork can be unframed. Once you receive the email advising of the selection of your piece(s), you may proceed to the framing phase to prepare your work for submission day. All selected works must be professionally/tastefully mounted and ready for hanging or installation in the Rotunda Gallery.
9. **WHAT CAN I EXPECT ON FINAL SUBMISSION DAY?** Artists are required to bring in their work(s), ready to hang or display. The labels and submission form will be provided in the notification email. Both documents should be completed in advance and submitted with artwork.
10. **I CANNOT COLLECT MY ARTWORK IN THE WINDOW PROVIDED CAN I AUTHORISE SOMEONE TO COLLECT ON MY BEHALF?** Yes. We DO NOT have a facility to store unclaimed works. Please make arrangements to collect your works within the window provided. If you are designating someone to collect your artwork you must send us an email with the person's name and they must provide photo ID on arrival.