

# **CALL FOR ARTISTS**

## **AUTISM INSTITUTE and the CENTER FOR AUTISM AND RELATED DISABILITIES**

**The Florida State University College of Medicine**

in partnership with VSA Florida

present

### **“The Way I Speak: Artists and Autism”**

An exhibition at the Florida Capitol 22<sup>nd</sup> Floor Gallery, May 1 – July 31, 2017

“The Way I Speak” is a juried exhibition about artists and autism organized by Florida State University Autism Institute, the Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (FSU CARD), and VSA Florida. The purpose of the exhibition is to recognize creative voices of people with autism and related disabilities and to feature artwork in a competitive setting. We look forward to showcasing your work and promoting awareness of autism. Thank you for your submission!

Clients of CARD throughout Florida are invited to submit art to this competition and exhibition. Selected entries will be displayed at the Florida Capitol, 22<sup>nd</sup> Floor Gallery May 1- July 31, 2017.

Check this box if you are **not** currently a CARD client, and your area CARD office will contact you.

**To enter, email this form with a photo (.jpg) of your artwork** to [veronica.jones@med.fsu.edu](mailto:veronica.jones@med.fsu.edu)  
**Submissions are due by January 25, 2017**

**Any questions?** Call or email Veronica Jones at FSU CARD: [veronica.jones@med.fsu.edu](mailto:veronica.jones@med.fsu.edu), 850-921-0559 or Susan Baldino of VSA Florida: [susanbaldino@comcast.net](mailto:susanbaldino@comcast.net), 850-510-8820

“The Way I Speak: Artists and Autism” is a juried competition. A panel of professional artists will judge submissions. There will be awards for the following age categories:

- Youth (age 5-11)
- Teen (age 12-17)
- Adult (age 18 and over)

If accepted into the exhibition, artists have the opportunity to offer their artwork to the permanent art collection of the FSU Autism Institute/CARD. As part of the collection, the artwork will be featured at FSU CARD offices and in a variety of media including, but not limited to: CARD Facebook page, website, professional presentations, and promotional materials.

- **All work that is accepted into the exhibition must be display ready: Two-dimensional work must be wired for hanging and either framed and matted or mounted.**
- **All artists who are accepted must ship or arrange for transport of their piece to the FSU CARD office in Tallahassee by April 1, 2017.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name (if under 18): \_\_\_\_\_

Pen Name (if you prefer to remain anonymous): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address City Zip Code

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Medium of Artwork:  Painting  Drawing  Photography  Sculpture  
 Multimedia  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Artwork Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Artist's Statement:**

**Provide a 150-word statement** that may be displayed with your artwork. Explain why you create art, what this piece means to you, or what it feels like to be an artist on the autism spectrum. Use additional sheets of paper if necessary.

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**Confidentiality Disclosure:** Art submitted for the juried competition, "The Way I Speak: Artists and Autism," may be displayed in public places. If you do not use a pen name, submission of this form means that the artist agrees to disclose a diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder. Submission of this form provides consent for the FSU Autism Institute, FSU CARD, and VSA Florida to use the artist's name or pen name in publications and informational material in conjunction with this exhibition and on displays of the art.

**\*Artists whose work is selected for exhibition will be required to complete a disclosure and liability statement.**