



## Prospectus of the OPT 2021

### Introduction

Launched in 2009, the Okanagan Print Triennial (OPT) is an open juried print exhibition based on the international model for such projects established over the last forty years.

In the spirit of acknowledging and celebrating the vitality and variety of approaches and techniques in contemporary work in printmaking, the OPT aims to bring the very best in current printmaking practice to audiences in the Okanagan region of British Columbia.

The OPT is a collaborative project of the Vernon Public Art Gallery, the Kelowna Art Gallery, and the University of British Columbia Okanagan. The juried group exhibition alternates between the Kelowna and Vernon galleries, with the winner of each show being given a solo show at the alternate gallery concurrently with that year's OPT show.

The exhibition dates of the OPT 2021 at the Vernon Public Art Gallery are March 19 to May 19. The solo show for OPT 2018's exhibition prize winner is *Ericka Walker* (Kelowna Art Gallery) from February 2021.

## **Eligibility**

The Okanagan Print Triennial 2021 is open to all artists working in print media worldwide.

Original works in all traditional printmaking media (intaglio, relief, screen print, and lithography) are eligible. Digital and three-dimensional works are also eligible but must incorporate at least one traditional hand-pulled process. Purely photographic images and photomechanical reproductions made of existing works will not be considered.

There are no size restrictions but very large-scale works will only be considered based on the availability of gallery space and the costs of shipping and installation.

## **Conditions**

All work must have been produced after December 2017.

Work created under instruction (i.e., student work) is not eligible.

Works displayed in the OPT at the Vernon Public Art Gallery will not be identified as being for sale, however, if visitors inquire about purchasing work, their contact information will be forwarded to the artist.

## **Entry Procedure (phase one)**

Artists may submit up to ten images in the form of digital files (768 x 1024 pixels at 72 dpi in tiff or jpeg format) by uploading them to the OPT 2021 website: [www.okanaganprinttriennial.com](http://www.okanaganprinttriennial.com). Images must be clearly labeled with the artist's name and be numbered to correspond with the entry form (attached). Please do not email your images to the Vernon Public Art Gallery.

An entry fee of \$40.00 (Cdn) must accompany the entry form and visual documentation for each artist residing outside of Canada. An entry fee payment can be made via PayPal at the OPT 2021 website: [www.okanaganprinttriennial.com](http://www.okanaganprinttriennial.com). The deadline for the submission of signed and completed entry form, images and entry fee is October 2, 2020. Please do not send actual works of art for this first stage. All artists will be informed of their acceptance or not by November 2, 2020.

Submit and upload phase one entries to:

**<http://www.okanaganprinttriennial.com/>**

Please do not telephone the gallery regarding shipping or about jurying results.

## **Entry Procedure (phase two)**

Artist's prints accepted for phase two of the entry process must be received by the Vernon Public Art Gallery by December 14, 2020.

**Vernon Public Art Gallery**  
**3228 – 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue**  
**Vernon BC**  
**V1T 2H3**  
**Canada**

Submitted works must be the same pieces as shown in the images uploaded with the application for phase one. The OPT reserves the right to reject any works that do not correspond to these images. Artists will be informed of their acceptance or not by January 18, 2021. The OPT reserves the right to edit the number of works included in the show by each artist for reasons of space, logistics of the exhibition, etc.

Artists must attach the identification labels provided here to the back of each submitted work.

Works must be sent in strong reusable mailing tubes or other appropriate packaging and must be sent without mats or frames. The Vernon Public Art Gallery intends on using magnets to install the (unframed) prints for the exhibition.

All shipping and insurance coverage during transit will be borne by the artist/sender.

### **Return of Work**

All works will be returned in the packaging in which they were received, either after phase-two jurying, or following the close of the exhibition. The OPT will cover the costs of returning works that were included in the exhibition.

Works will be insured and will be handled with the utmost care while on the premises of the Vernon Public Art Gallery, but the organizers/staff will not be held responsible for unforeseen damage, theft, or loss during shipping/transit.

### **Catalogue**

A full-colour publication will be produced to accompany the exhibition, and the artists included in the exhibition will receive a complimentary copy of this catalogue.

### **Terms**

The Okanagan Print Triennial (OPT) reserves the right to photograph and reproduce accepted works for purposes of publicity and for reproduction in the exhibition catalogue.

## **Okanagan Print Triennial 2021 Key Dates**

### **Phase One**

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| October 2, 2020  | deadline for the receipt of signed and completed entry forms, images and entry fee |
| November 2, 2020 | notification of artists by OPT of phase one jury results                           |

### **Phase Two**

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| December 14, 2020 | deadline for receipt of submission of prints accepted into phase two of jurying process |
| January 18, 2021  | notification of artists of phase two jury results                                       |
| March 19, 2021    | Thursday evening opening reception for the exhibition at the Vernon Public Art Gallery  |
| May 19, 2021      | OPT exhibition closes   |

All prints accepted into phase two as well as exhibited works will be returned to the artists within 60 days of the close of the exhibition.

The OPT jury will select one artist to have a solo exhibition at the Vernon Public Art Gallery during the fifth Okanagan Print Triennial (at the Kelowna Art Gallery) in the spring of 2024.

### **Vernon Public Art Gallery**

The Vernon Public Art Gallery Society is committed to fostering the appreciation of the visual arts for all members of the community; therefore exhibits, collects and preserves regional, national and international art in all media in order to educate, inspire and encourage participation. Its mandate is to exhibit, collect and encourage local, regional, national and international art of the highest possible standards. VPAG provides a meeting place and a facility for the benefit of the citizens of the North Okanagan Regional District. For more information about the VPAG visit the website ([vernonpublicartgallery.com](http://vernonpublicartgallery.com))

**Okanagan Print Triennial 2021**

ENTRY FORM (type or print in block letters)

SURNAME

FIRST NAME

MAILING ADDRESS

PHONE, E-MAIL or FAX (circle preference)

List of works/images being sent

#1

TITLE

DATE

MEDIUM

SIZE (H x W in cm)

PRICE/INSURANCE VALUE

#2

TITLE

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MEDIUM

SIZE (H x W in cm)

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SIZE (H x W in cm)

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SIZE (H x W in cm)  
PRICE/INSURANCE VALUE

#10  
TITLE  
DATE  
MEDIUM  
SIZE (H x W in cm)  
PRICE/INSURANCE VALUE

\*Artists must include a price/value for each work for insurance purposes.

SIGNATURE

DATE

By signing this form, the artist is agreeing to the terms and regulations of the Okanagan Print Triennial (OPT)

LABELS to attach to works of art: phase two  
Please affix labels to the upper right corner on the back of the corresponding prints.

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