

NOCTURNE

art at night

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CURATOR OPPORTUNITY

Nocturne Art At Night Society – Curator, Nocturne 2016

Nocturne is a fall festival that brings art and energy to the streets of Halifax between 6pm and midnight on a Saturday night in late October each year. The completely free event showcases and celebrates the arts and culture scene in Halifax. Nocturne, designed and planned by volunteers, is an opportunity for everyone to experience the art of Halifax in a whole new light. Nocturne is a non-profit organization and has been operating successfully for eight years, 2016 will be the ninth year for the event.

The main responsibilities of the curator will be to:

- Develop a curatorial theme for the event.
- Support the development of the 'Anchor Projects Program' administered directly by the Halifax Regional Municipality. Support may include research of artists and potential projects, correspondence with artists involved and general program advisory function. HRM will be responsible for administration of the program including budget and contracts, and logistical considerations.
- Assist in the identification of suitable artists and installations for the Anchor Projects program, and the alignment of these projects within the thematic framework of the Nocturne event.
- Participate on Programming Committee including Jury of Independent Projects.
- Keep the society current of the participating anchor project artists installations at all stages and be available to present updates to the board at monthly board meetings.
- Be available for media interviews regarding the curators contribution to Nocturne.
- Be available for 1-2 presentations regarding the curatorial themes of this years event.
- The Society will communicate its activities through various means, including guide, app, website and social media and will require:
 - The curator will provide a curatorial statement for inclusion in all communication materials and be available for media interviews
 - identify and make necessary arrangements with artists and lenders to obtain the necessarily digital images, biographies, project descriptions

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Qualifications:

- Bachelor in Fine Arts, or equivalent experience
- Strong knowledge of contemporary art and art at night festivals
- Excellent interpersonal skills; strong written and oral communication skills and public speaking abilities; high level of administrative, organizational, planning, and research skills
- Creative, resourceful, and flexible; desire and ability to think differently; ability to successfully multi-task, managing multiple projects simultaneously
- Ability to work collaboratively on projects with internal and external teams and other committees
- Ability to establish and maintain positive, effective working relationships with artists, collectors, sponsors, visitors, volunteers, and colleagues
- Computer proficiency in MS Office Suite
- Willing to work flexible schedule including evenings and weekends when necessary
- Experience in curating a large festival or exhibition in the past considered an asset
- Professional work experience in a museum considered an asset

Curator compensation: \$5,000

If interested, please send curriculum vitae and expression of interest, **by Sunday, March 6th** to: humanresources@nocturnehalifax.ca