

STORY

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AiOP 2022: STORY

Open Call for Proposals

Art in Odd Places (AiOP) 2022: STORY scheduled for September 23-25, 2022, curated by Atlanta artist Jessica Elaine Blinkhorn invites proposals for its seventeenth annual public visual and performance art festival taking place along 14th Street in Manhattan, NY – from Avenue C to the Hudson River.

“Obstacles are put in our way, not to stop us, but to call out our courage and strength.”

– Unknown

Today, public personal merit is based on the number of followers on social media – and relevance changes with the shifting weather. True identity and community are where words are genuinely heard, truths shared, stories told, and perceptions possibly changed. Is it feasible to change others' perceptions?

Finding meaning in life is a collective universal truth. The pursuit of meaning can be lost in the static of the passionate necessity to search.

One's narrative writes itself. Every insurmountable obstacle, laugh, devastation, tear, scar, heartbreak, familiarity, and inexperience is a chapter. If executed with fearless honesty and mindful intent – change is possible. Will the *STORY* of your existence endure the test of time?

AiOP 2022: STORY seeks imaginative proposals by artists from the Disabled, BIPOC, LGBTQ+, and Allied communities that tell her, his, their *STORY* (Community. Identity. Endurance. Merit. Perception).

Projects should:

- Tell a *STORY* that insights change,
- Create a connection with people, community, and the world.

Projects should not:

- Allow a crowd of 40+ to gather around the work for a prolonged period of time.
- At any time, block sidewalks and/or streets.

Ask yourself:

- What major life change is repeated in your work?
- What five words define your *STORY*?

Artists can propose a performance or visual artwork in an odd place on 14th Street during the festival. *AiOP* welcomes a mosaic of art disciplines: Performative Pedestrians, Rambling Poets, Roaming Jugglers, Hands-on Puppeteers, Cartwheeling Clowns, Marching Musicians, Roving Video.

How to Apply

Visit artinoddpaces.org for the online application and more detailed information.

Open Call, Festival, and Exhibition Timeline:

When preparing your application, please keep in mind this timeline for the festival and exhibition.

February 5 – May 1, 11:59 PM EST: Open Call live

May 1, 2022, 11:59 EST: Deadline for Open Call

May 15, 2022: Applicants notified of decision

September 23 – September 25, 2022: *AiOP: STORY* festival along 14th Street, NYC

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