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Thrasher Opera House Gallery Store Policy

Mission Statement:

The Thrasher Opera House Corporation exists to promote the arts, provide a community gathering place, and preserve the historic Thrasher Opera House (TOH).

Objective of Exhibitions:

In keeping with this mission statement, the primary purpose of the Thrasher Gallery Store is to expand Thrasher's palette of arts offerings to the public.

Selection Process:

Artists are encouraged to apply to display in the Gallery Store, located adjacent to the Thrasher bar and gallery, in the office building adjacent to the opera house. Artists will be chosen based on artistic merit, particular relevance of work or artists to our local area, and suitability of the format to the gallery's physical limitations. Proposals are considered on an ongoing basis by the Thrasher Gallery Committee. All proposals must follow the procedures established by the Opera House.

Once artists are selected to display their work in the Gallery Store, the committee will send them a letter of agreement with the Thrasher Gallery Store Statement of Policy. This must be returned, signed, prior to any work being displayed. The time period of displaying work is a 6 months. At the end of 6 months the artist may re-apply for another term. The store will be available for shopping during normal Thrasher office hours and concert intermissions, and subject matter must be suitable for public viewing; i.e. no graphic displays of violence or provocative subjects. The Thrasher Gallery Committee will have final approval on all items to be displayed.

Statement of Policy:

There is no rental fee, but the artist must agree to donate 20% of all sales to the Thrasher Opera House, a non-profit 501(c)3 corporation. A bio and/or brief artist's statement and a handful of high quality digital images shall be provided to TOH when applying, which TOH can use in writing press releases for the local media, as well as on the Thrasher website and social media. A list of titles and dollar value of works to be displayed should also be submitted at this time. All paperwork must be filed prior to the display of the works of art.

There are various shelves and cupboards to display work in/on. These can be claimed on a first come first serve basis. We are also open to the artist providing their own display shelf/rack, subject to approval.

Art work can be anything that is artisan made, again, subject to approval by the committee. Examples are: Jewelry, paintings, photography, weaving, textile, glass, sculpture, pottery, etc.

Artists are responsible for set-up and take-down of their work, in the presence of TOH staff. We ask that you try not to damage the remaining walls/shelves with an excess of nails, tacks, pins, or adhesives. Complete identification, including title, price, artist's name and contact information, should appear on the back of each work or an identification label should be attached. A listing with the name of the artist, title, media and price of each work may be displayed off to the side. Artist(s) are encouraged to leave additional price lists, brochures and/or business cards for interested patrons.

If artists fail to take down their pieces and remove them from the office by the deadline, TOH reserves the right to charge a \$50 storage fee until the items are picked up, unless prior arrangements have been made with TOH. The pieces will become the property of Thrasher after 6 months of storage.

Thrasher Opera House reserves the right to remove any works of art which are deemed unsuitable for TOH display, or which do not comply with the mission statement of TOH as well as federal, state, and local laws. TOH also reserves the right to end the gallery display should unforeseen conditions or situations arise. All terms of agreement between TOH and artists must be stated in a written signed agreement between both parties within three weeks of acceptance to exhibit.

Signature of this contract releases the Thrasher Opera House Gallery Store from any liability should the art works be damaged while on display. The artist accepts full responsibility for any inordinate damage to the walls in the gallery space.

Duration of exhibit: from _____ to _____

I have read and agree to comply with the Thrasher Gallery Store Policy.

Artist's signature

Date

For Thrasher Opera House

Date