

## **Call to Artists**

Long Island NY, USA & Calabria, Italy

Recycled and Found - International Mixed Media Virtual Arts Exchange and Exhibition

***Babylon Citizens Council on the Arts (BACCA) and Sognare Insieme Viaggi are partnering to invite artists to participate in an international arts exchange: a shared virtual arts exhibition in partnership with artists from Calabria, Italy and from Long Island, NY and the Greater NY Metro area. Together, we invite artists to compose mixed media artworks from unconventional found materials, creating beauty from what has been discarded.***

Calabria, Italy, and Long Island, New York, are two regions with artists who desire to connect and to imagine and work toward a brighter future through environmental stewardship.

Materials may include but are not limited to: found materials such as plastic waste, reclaimed metal, and paper.

All activities will take place virtually.

### **This exhibition aims to:**

- Form a diverse and representative organizing committee consisting of artists, curators, and professionals from both Italy and the USA.
- Inspire viewers to reconsider the value of everyday items and encourage sustainable practices through artistic expression.
- Encourage collaborative work, the exchange of ideas, and establish a unique framework for international arts and ideas exchange.
- Encourage collaborating artists and exhibition viewers to become agents of change in their own communities.

### **Program:**

#### **Virtual Art Exhibition – Online 3D Gallery**

Featuring 10 Artists' Work: 5 Artists from Calabria, 5 Artists from New York

#### **Two Artist Panel Discussions for Exchange**

1. Selected artists may participate in a private "Working and Sharing Session" with all 10 exhibiting artists to discuss and share their work and artistic practice.
2. Selected artists may participate in an online artist panel discussion on topics related to the exhibition, which will be open to public attendance, recorded, and published online.

### **Details:**

5 New York Artists will be chosen to display their work alongside 5 artists from Calabria, Italy as part of the virtual art exhibition which will open for viewing Wednesday, March 13th, 2024.

-Artists may submit up to 3 entries for consideration. There is not a submission fee - entry is FREE.

-Submitted work must include found or discarded materials, but all media may be accepted.

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### **Application Requirements:**

1. Submit a photograph of your work for consideration. Please provide additional images of any 3-Dimensional or sculptural work. All photo images should be high-resolution and must be a minimum of 2000 pixels (height and width).
2. Submit a video of yourself featuring and discussing your work. This video should be 3 minutes or less.

3. Email all required materials as an attachment addressed to: [submissions@babylonarts.org](mailto:submissions@babylonarts.org) with "International Virtual Arts Exchange" in the subject line. All submissions must be sent as an email by Sunday, February 11th, 2024 at 11:59 p.m. EST

\*Artists must follow all application instructions to be considered for this opportunity.

**Details to include:**

Please include the following information in your email body:

1. Artist Name
2. Artist City of Residence
3. Artist Bio (shortform)
4. Your social media handles (Instagram, Facebook, etc.) (optional)
5. A link to your website (optional)

Please include the following information in your email body for *each submission*:

6. Title of Work
7. Media (Materials)
8. Dimensions
9. Indicate if the artwork is for sale. If so, please include the price and a contact email address or phone number. Viewers will be asked to contact you directly for details.
10. A short artwork description (less than 140 characters)

**Artist Agreement**

By submitting work to BACCA and Sognare Insieme Viaggi's virtual art exhibition, artists agree to allow the accepted works and submitted documentation to be used for publicity and for educational and archival purposes. Artworks may be shared on social media platforms to the artist's credit. Artists will retain the rights to their work published on the BACCA website and platforms. Entry to the exhibition constitutes agreement to all conditions.

**Calendar**

Release Call to Artists - Tuesday, January 9th, 2024  
Submission Deadline - Sunday, February 11th, 2024  
Selected Artists Notified by - Friday, February 24th, 2024  
Artist Roundtable - Thursday, March 7th, 2024 at 3:00 PM EST  
Exhibition Opens to the Public - Wednesday, March 13th, 2024  
Artist Panel Talk - Saturday, March 16th at 3:00 PM EST  
Virtual Exhibition Closes - December 31st, 2024